



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Larch Correction Center Date: 7-15-2021 Time: 3:00 PM

Teleconference details: _____

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Superintendent JC Miller Family co-chair: Stephanie Pino-Sanderson

Facility/council secretary: Allison Mitchell Family secretary, if applicable: Mandy Stafford

Members present Kaishanna Saunders, Caroline Melhuish, LaQuesha Turner

Non-council member attendees: N/A

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
LCC Population	Count at Larch is 282 to date.	Our numbers continue to be lower due to new laws being passed and less people being incarcerated. This will result in the closing of one of our housing units. More information to come. New count as of 7-15-21 is 268-266 close of business , due to releases.
June Teenth 2021 Celebration	This event will take place 6-20-21 and be for Residents only, no guest will be allowed at this time.	No further steps needed
J-Pay Picture Rejection	Concern brought up regarding social media pictures and why pictures are being rejected	Policy 450.100 was provided during the call and attached to these minutes. Also, our Mail Room Supervisor Sgt. Olson will be attending the next call to clarify any confusion regarding mail rejections.
Simmons Events	We celebrated Mother's Day and Father's Day with an art contest for the cards, photos, and letters of appreciation. Finishing up series of Emotion Coaching Your Child, Emotional Intelligence 2.0 and now 1,000 Little Things Successful People Do. Fundraiser for Recreation raised \$1,100. Just finished a fundraiser for Share Vancouver which provides meals and support for homeless people in the community. Hosting a Dependency Clinic for incarcerated individuals on June 16 with D'Adre Cunningham, an attorney	LCC thanks Ms. Simmons for her continued support to ensure the Residents stay connected to their families.

	for the Washington Defender Association Incarcerated Parents Project and Bruce Wood DOC Family Services	
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Simmons News	We made \$1700 for incarcerated individual enhancement account (this gives flexibility in spending at the discretion of CPM) \$2300 for Share house (support for the homeless). I'm getting our volunteers ready to volunteer when we open up enough for them to come in. We're mailing out Back to School backpacks the dads will choose and "shop" for supplies. Taking photos of dads with backpacks and a chalkboard note of encouragement to their child. Signups end on Sunday. Currently have 70 children signed up. API is scheduled for Sunday, August 22.	Nothing further to report
Update for Larch	Count is diminishing, laws such as Black vs State-extensions of work release etc are the determining factor. Larch will be closing one unit-unsure of the date at this time.	Rapid releases are happening daily at Larch
CPM Discussed June Teenth Celebration	CPM Greene attended the event and displayed what was presented to her. They watched a film on mis conception, a meal was enjoyed. The event was very well put together.	LCC is looking forward to celebrating many more events to come as we safely open
Visitation	One-hour visitation at this time. They are looking to expand the time 1 hour to 3 and the age limit for children will be lifted. Face masks, hand washing will still be implemented. Proof of vaccination or a rapid test will need to be provided.	Further details will be sent out
Volunteering	August 15, 2021 Volunteers will be allowed back in the facilities.	Further details will be sent out
Preparing for Releases	Immediate release are provided with a backpack filled with essentials, phone, phone card, state ID, job skills, some with further education, upon release to our communities.	Larch will continue to equip the Offenders as they re-enter back to their homes and loved ones.

Appreciation was expressed	Family, community members expressed concern and appreciation for the work that is being done at LCC.	Larch staff is appreciative of the support during this time.
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Roundtable open discussion

Next meeting location: LCC Via Teams Date: 8-5-2021 Time: 3:00 PM

Comments: The next LCC regular Family Council call will be August 5th, 2021 at 3:00PM

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