



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: MCC Performance Center Date: 5/31/19 Time: 1100 - 1230 hrs

Teleconference details: _____

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Captain Paula Chandler Family co-chair: Stephanie Meadows

Facility/council secretary: Kathleen Bechler Family secretary, if applicable: Angela Hinton (excused)

Members present: Carol Welsh; Felix D'Allesandro; Danielle White; Byron Coates; Stephanie Meadows; Mariyah Wafford; Diane Durall; Christina Mathison; Wendy Wilhelm; David Wilhelm, Kim Day; David Bullard, Judy Bullard; and Suzanne Cook.

Non-council member attendees: Ted Knopke; Rose Knopke; Nicolas Paramo; James Martin; Elizabeth Jibson; Ina McNeese; Bill Frantz; Mark Miller; Donald Peckinpaugh; Gregory Knox; Kaela Chong; Billy Heinsohn; George Gilbert; Cara Powers; Paula Chandler and Kathleen Bechler.

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Family Services - George Turcin	George Turin gave an update to family services. There will be a change in the chain of command from re-entry division to prisons division. Family services works to identify challenges for families.	Handouts were given outlining resource available to families. If you have questions you can call George Turcin.
Evergreen Vending - Nicolas Paramo and James Martin	Evergreen Vending appologized for recent service and are working to correct issues. An employee passed away leaving a gap in service. They have increased pay for new hires and have scheduled more back up drivers. There is a morning and afternoon driver. Thursdays machines are cleaned up and are fully stocked on Friday. Goal is not to disrupt visiting.	To report issues call main office number 206-242-5700. There is a receptionist on Monday to Friday and an on-call tech on weekends. Refunds usually take about a week to be received. A request was made to have an extra coffee machine and have business cards available.
EFV Trailers - Captain Chandler	There are new beds, couches, love seats, ovens, pots, pans, plates and cups in the EFV trailers.	An Inventory status sheet will be put in place noting issues needing attention.

	<p>People have been removing the smoke detectors which are there for everyone's safety.</p> <p>There are 5 trailers for EFV visits with no plans to put more in.</p>	<p>If the battery is low, push button to let tower know if there is problem with the smoke detector.</p> <p>The EFV Policy is up for review in September. If you want input, check out the link on the website for suggestions on policies.</p> <p>There is a fridge in the EFV processing area to keep denied items cold.</p>
Visiting	<p>Visiting Rooms now have TV's , new games, Wii system, toys for kids and high chairs.</p> <p>Seat cushions were removed at TRU as they were in disrepair and will be replaced with some sort of cushion.</p>	<p>New signs from Headquarters will be put up in visiting rooms regarding contraband with phone number to report and about service dogs.</p>
From SFC	<p>Felix D'Allesandro reported on the review of allowable items for EFV's. Belinda Stawart chaired the meeting. If you have comments, Carol Welsh can take notes to present at the meeting on Thursday.</p>	<p>Next week SFC will be meeting to discuss Policy revisions. A 6 month policy review schedule was handed out. Get input to headquarters.</p> <p>Next SFC meeting is July 20th.</p>
Breakfast mainline	<p>The funding for hot breakfasts was passed by the budget, but the funding for staffing did not pass. Correctional Industries are working to figure out staffing for breakfast.</p>	<p>Hot breakfast will be a topic be on the agenda in for July's Family Council meeting.</p>

New business

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Phone system for Incarcerated Individuals	<p>Phone will hang up on people mid call and there are sometimes bad connection.</p> <p>This is a statewide issue and GTL is aware of the problems.</p> <p>Techs have been on site to observe issues, cell phones sometimes pick up calls as robocalls.</p>	<p>To Self-report problems dial 0-360-555-1212 to GTL at no cost.</p> <p>A Kiosk message will go out to the population and signs will be posted near phones with this information.</p>
Family Council meeting day and time	<p>Following a vote by council members, starting next meeting, July 27th, all MCC LFC meetings will be held on Saturday at the training center. Discussion to start meetings at 10:30 to give half an hour more for discussion.</p>	<p>Kathleen Bechler will send out an email asking the family council members to vote on starting at 10:30 - 12:30 or stay with the meeting 11:00 - 12:30. The results will be shared with LFC.</p>
EFV's and rejected mail	<p>When someone goes for an EFV, it shows them out of the facility and mail can be rejected and returned to sender.</p>	<p>Superintendent Obenland will look into the issue. A process needs to be developed to put a hold on mail.</p>

Yard Cancelations	When necessary the yard is closed to use the officers for emergency medical trips.	Yard closure issues could be brought up to SFC as this is staffing issue. A final report on the staffing levels at MCC is due mid June.
SOU Visiting topics	There are no visitors allowed at the microwave at SOU visiting. A line on the floor for SOU vending machines was requested.	Captain McNeese will look into plastic cups for water.

Roundtable open discussion

Next meeting location: MCC Performance Center Date: July 27th, 2019 Time: 11:00 - 12:30

Comments: _____

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