



# FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time/Location: MCC - CJEPC

Teleconference Details: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEETING ATTENDEES

Department Co-chair: Paula Chandler

Family Co-Chair: Stephanie Meadows

Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Members: Caryl Darby, Stephanie Meadows, Felix D'allesandro, Carol Welch, Mariyah Wafford, Larissa Stoudamire, Angela Hinton, Daniele White, Christine Mathison, David Bullard, Jody Bullard, Byron Coates, Diane Durall

Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Council Members: Elizabeth Jibson, Teresa Shaw, alex York, Ian Vangordan, George Turcin, John Padilla, Lisa Anderson, Ina McNeese, Paula Chandler, Cara Powers, Greg Knox, Billy Heinsohn, Michael Obenland, Ken Bratten

Family/Council secretary: Angela Hinton

Facility secretary (LFCs only): Cara Powers

## Welcome

## AGENDA

### Old Business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Evergreen Vending	Resolutions from last meeting: A) TRU coffee machine fixed. B) AM attendant is trained on how to have all prices/plan-ograms working C) Badge relief staff hired (2) D) Double door coolers for food storage are now at TRU/MSU E) standardized pricing across the hill F) Ice cream machine at TRU is serviced on Fridays/Mondays	A) Family asked if ice cream can be filled daily instead of just on Fridays. B) WSR snack machine has not worked approximately 4 weeks. C) Restock @ WSR; machine filled at opening and then again at 1:30pm, selection is limited for 4:30pm visitation. D) No soda at SOU E) Families requesting an increase in the variety of food.
Statewide Family Council- Felix	Felix gave brief overview of the minutes from the last Statewide Family Council meeting. Long discussion was had on the Offender Betterment fund. Superintendent Obenland indicated he does a monthly review of cash flow. TOP ISSUES across the state were: 1) Increase quality of mattresses for population 2) Raise indigent cap 3) MCC broken into 2 councils MSR/TRU and WSR/SOU 4) Organizational chart with contact information	Meeting minutes have been uploaded on DOC website. If local council members have top concerns, please email Felix. Senator Darnielle has requested an audit of the OBF fund.
LFC Tours	Tours are available and held twice a year and organized by PIO Susan Biller.	Per policy, these tours are only for approved LFC members, not open to general visiting/family members.
ROI - Release of Information for medical records	All Release of Information forms are online now.	Families can help DOC by advocating for Electronic Medical Records funding from legislation. DOC has been asking for last 10 years.

## New Business

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EFV Cleaning/Tote and Cart Care- Capt Chandler, Sgt Shaw	<p>A) Hired an EFV cleaning crew who will work with a janitor who is a part time employee.</p> <p>B) Rely on families to clean their own mess after each visit.</p> <p>C) Sgt. Knox confirmed walk-throughs with the officers are happening.</p> <p>D) Capt. Chandler goes every Thursday and inspects for broken items or things that need to be replaced.</p> <p>E) Family asked if 3am count could be done quietly or just go away so as not to disturb families. Capt Chandler said they will continue to follow policy which states to do a count every 8 hours.</p>	<p>A) Family asked if they noticed something broken, can they notify the tower-YES</p> <p>B) Family asked for a walk-through checklist (ie: car rental type)</p> <p>C) Capt. Chandler suggested she would draft a letter to send out to participants regarding cleaning/taking care of EFV trailers and supplies.</p> <p>D) Family comment: M-W EFV staff aren't familiar with how EFV's work, has been some confusion with the exchanging of bags.</p> <p>E) Non Visit staff vs Visit Staff can cause morning meds to be an issue. Capt. Chandler will follow up on this.</p> <p>F) Supt. Obenland will work with Capts and Sgts to see about a checklist for EFV participants and their responsibilities.</p>
Cable Contract/Game Consoles	<p>Comcast: DOC signed a 5-year Cable Contract in 2018, which is the same basic package as the City of Monroe. The program options are specific to the region, the Department has no control over what channels are available.</p> <p>JPay: JPay games are \$8-10 and they are children level.</p>	<p>Family asked if DOC could look into getting callouts on a TV channel. Supt. Obenland will look into capability, adding that Coyote Ridge when built was specifically designed for some of these things to be built in.</p> <p><b>ACTION ITEM:</b> JPay on next meeting agenda</p>
Cell Size/Process of moving to single cell	<p>Process of cell assignment for WSR: A/B side-at intake, they are put on a waiting list for a single cell if wanted, and once they become available, they are moved. C/D side, they are automatically put on the waiting list. If infracted, they must wait 6 months to be put back on the list. If someone jumps ahead, DOC based upon circumstances-ie: mental health, medical.</p> <p>Cell size for WSR:  A/B unit 9' deep x 5'11" W x 9'3" H  C/D unit 10' deep x 5'11" W x 9'3" H</p> <p>Cell size for TRU:  12' Long x 7'4"W x 8' H</p>	
Care issues at MCC	<p>Discuss Seattle Times article covering medical care issues at MCC. Dr. Barnett was terminated by DOC, and Dr. Awad has been hired to fill the MCC Medical Director position. Dr. Parks will oversee health care for the next 6 months. Dr. Hernandez works on-call once per week.</p> <p>Family member raised concerns in March of 2018. Staff members raised concerns in October of 2018. As a result of the investigation into Dr. Barnett, a Mortality Review Committee has been established in May 2019. They will review all deaths, no matter the cause-expected or unexpected. DOC has asked for technical assistance from the National Corrections Association and Supt. Obenland is told that the agency expects this review to start mid August 2019 and is expected to take about 3 months.</p> <p>Family complaints that there is a brick wall in communications between incarcerated person to medical. Many are scared to ask for care due to implied or spoken threat from C/O's that they will infract them if their complaint is not serious.</p> <p>Family reports that men are turned away from sick call and not even being looked at when they raise concerns.</p> <p>Family commented that the same complaints were raised in the LFC in March 2019 meeting minutes and the men are still having issues.</p>	<p>Grievance program is now accepting all grievances regardless of errors, they will discuss the main issue of the grievance and work through the errors.</p>

## Round Table Open Discussion

Next Meeting Date: September 14, 209

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List of Acronyms:

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