



# FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: MCC - CJEP Date: 11/2/2019 Time: 1030-1230 hrs

Teleconference details: \_\_\_\_\_

## Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Mark Miller (Interim) Family co-chair: Stephanie Meadows

Facility/council secretary: Cara Powers Hinton Family secretary, if applicable: Angela Hinton

Members present: Carol Welch, Michelle Foxx, Joanne Pfeifer, Josephine Johnson, David Bullard, Jody Bullard, Christine Mathison, Stephanie Meadows, Angela Hinton, Diane Durall, Donda Peterson, Byron Coates, Lynn Barker, Joanne Todd, Mariyah Wafford, Felix D'allesandro

Non-council member attendees: John Padilla, Billy Heinsohn, Kristi Webb, George Turcin, Kaela Chong, Natasha Samuels, Aaron Swenson, Liz Warner, Nancy HGraak, Don Peckinpaugh, Michele Wood, Gary Noble, Greg Knox, Michael Obenland, Lisa Anderson, Cara Powers, Mark Miller, Areig Awad, Elke Jackson

## Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Evergreen Vending Update - Aaron Swenson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Putting up placards with EV email and phone numbers to report issues, complaints or compliments</li> <li>b) WSR-Replaced all the coke machines</li> <li>c) TRU- family request of more non-pork options</li> <li>d) WSR- family request for more Talking Rain</li> <li>e) WSR- family request for more entrée options</li> <li>f) EV was given an additional staff person 2 weeks ago to help with MCC account/restock</li> </ul>	Placards to be placed in VR's on 11-02-2019
SFC update - Felix D'Allesandro	<p>Full update is available on the SFC meeting minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) discussed healthcare access, OTC meds and approval process</li> <li>b) hot breakfast- MCC, AHCC and Shelton are remaining facilities that do NOT have yet. *side note- Bryon had meeting and was told that DOC intends to get hot meals to MCC</li> <li>c) Mattresses- produced at CRCC with variation across the state; local facility budget issue. OCO is also looking at issue of mattresses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) The facility still needs the funding (\$700K) for FTE to make operational. Next SFC meeting is November 16th at CI Headquarters in Tumwater 10am-3pm</li> </ul>

<p>Report on Vendor Demonstrations for JPay and Phone systems and Contracts - Byron Coates</p>	<p>Handout given with all the notes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Fact of note - first time ever that these vendors have seen family interaction of interest/support with this process</li> <li>b) DOC and families have some of the same concerns</li> <li>c) JPay is extended through middle of next year to take pressure off the transition</li> <li>d) Each contractor promised to figure out the data transfer of media content</li> <li>e) JP6 is coming soon- similar to an Apple iPad</li> <li>f) JPay offered to install a Law Library app</li> <li>g) Keefe would have servers INSIDE the facility</li> <li>h) JPay and GTL offered access to a univeristy in Ohio to get AA &amp; BA degrees/schooling via tablet</li> <li>i) Network/bandwidth is issue w/JPay</li> <li>j) DOC wants a system that works; Governors office did not indicate a price increase for families or incarcerated for these services</li> <li>k) Family reports that JPay will not talk to them regarding their loved ones equipment/JPay account as "the inmate is our customer"</li> </ul>	
<p>EFV Application Process and Changes - John Padilla</p>	<p>New process-staff feel it's working fairly well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Packet is filled out by incarcerated person and then sent to the family</li> <li>b) family member fills out and sends packet and all required documents to support relationship</li> <li>c) HQ then makes sure all information is entered and sends original documents back to family member</li> <li>d) HQ then sends information to Counselor who sets up FRMT meeting (to include incarcerated person). Once that is complete, rest of facilty signs off</li> </ul>	<p>Family member asked for it be verified that FRMT is to include the incarcerated individual prior to facility giving denial of particiapation to EFV program.</p>

New business

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<p>2020 LFC Meeting Schedule - Discussion</p>	<p>Addressed elections at this time; Stephanie and Angela explained their positions and what is involved. Angela served as Family Secretary from 2009-2019 and Stephanie as Family Co-Chair for the last few years. Family</p>	<p>NEW Family Co-Chair- Mariyah Wafford NEW Family Secretary- Josephine Johnson and Carol Welch to share in duties.</p>

	members thanked them for their service. Voting took place at end of the meeting.	
LFC Member ID Badges - Byron Coates	LFC requested clarification on the rules/expectations for members with badges. Answer- Badges indicate you have the approval to go table to table to share information or receive input/concerns from those not on the LFC or who are unable to attend meetings	
Community Partnership Update - Kaela Chong	CPP Specialist shared she is 6 months into her new position, and is still learning the full scope of the job and working to dial in processes. She has finally completed the hire of her assistant.	Email address is kaela.chong@doc.wa.gov
Yard Closures/MCC Updates - Supt. Obenland	<p>a) acknowledges that yard closures are hard on the men. There have been a lot of emergency trips lately (6 separate medical trips in one day for example) that cause yard closures</p> <p>b) 14 of 16 staff at TRU are involved with programming, many coming in on their time off. Michelle Wood commented she has never seen such a high level of involvement such as this.</p> <p>c) DOC cultural shift; this is a people business and Secretary Sinclair wants to move in the direction of positivity in prison. Supt. Obenland is committed to having promotions go to those who believe in the DOC mission and goals towards the cultural shift.</p>	The updated Vision/Mission of the Department can be found at <a href="https://www.doc.wa.gov/about/agency/mission.htm">https://www.doc.wa.gov/about/agency/mission.htm</a>

**Roundtable open discussion**

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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