



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Virtual Meeting Date: 12/12/20 Time: 1000 – 1200 Hours

Teleconference details: Skype for business

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Ina McNeese Family co-chair: Joanne Todd

Facility/council secretary: Kathleen Bechler Family secretary: Josephine Johnson

Members present: Michele Aceto; Lynn Barker; David Bullard; Jody Bullard; Karen Cain; Byron Coates; Felix D'Allesandro; Caryl Darby; Diane Durall; Angela Hinton; Josephine Johnson; Christine Mathison; Stephanie Meadows; Diane Pasta; Rob Tarver; Joanne Todd; Carol Welsh; Danielle White;

Non-council member attendees: Eric Jackson; Elke Jackson; Ina McNeese; Kathleen Bechler; _____

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points (Questions)	Next Steps (Responses)
<p>Authorization for Disclosure of Health Information Form DOC 13-035</p>	<p>Who needs to fill these out and where can they be found?</p> <p>Do they need to make an appointment to fill out the Authorization for Disclosure of Health Information form?</p>	<p>Forms need to be filled out by the incarcerated Individual. There needs to be an ending date or event, otherwise they expire in 6 months. A password needs to be added and given to the family member to access information. Forms need to be submitted through Health Services, but an appointment is not necessary.</p>
<p>WSR Movement Schedule</p>	<p>Rec & Yard time for units at WSR while units on Quarantine</p> <p>Working individuals not getting rec or yard time due to restricted schedules.</p>	<p>The schedule has been changed twice due to directives from unified command center at HQ. This may be changed again with smaller cohorts as needed. This will help with no contact with different cohorts. Captain McNeese was asked to create a plan if needed to help with safety of the population if more test results come back positive. (at time of meeting other test results had been coming back negative and population will be tested again)</p> <p>While I understand the question about gate 7 workers, we need to keep the population safe and give</p>

		others a chance to get off the unit. The schedule also has to allow time for cleaning.
Stimulus checks	How do we send in a stimulus check out a family member?	Families report sending them through regular mail. Captain McNeese will talk with Karen Hayden about the best way to do this. A family member suggested getting a Power of Attorney and deposit in an account on the outside. LFO will be taken through inmate banking.
Cleaning & Hand Sanitizer	Reports of no spray or cleaning rags in D unit at WSR. Also, asked about the hand sanitizer containers taken down in unit D also.	Captain McNeese will make sure there are spray and rags for cleaning before she leaves. Superintendent Jackson reported the non-alcohol based sanitizer containers were taken down so the population didn't think it had the 60% alcohol that would help fight COVID 19. There is access to soap & water which is much better.
TRU - D Unit	Individuals have tested negative twice, meals are cold and they only have 30 minutes to shower, heat food and make calls.	There were no reports from tier reps at TRU reporting these issues. Captain McNeese will follow up with the chain of command on concerns.
Jpay	We are experiencing a delay in messages being received. Emails are coming through on weekends.	There have been staffing shortages and emails need to be screened. Staff might be reassigned to help with jpay screening due to a variety of reasons.
Monthly Meetings	There has been discussion in the past regarding monthly Family Council (FC) meetings. Bi-monthly in person when we are able to and bi-monthly FC skype meetings.	No response at this time
Laundry Issues	Population having to wash clothes in the shower/sink. Shortage of linens/blankets/clothes.	Laundry was slowed due to the CI workforce. Overtime was authorized for CI workers to catch up on laundry & commissary. Unit supervisors have been told to order plenty of linen to have enough so they don't run out.
Optional items	Can long johns be added to commissary or union supply?	Years ago long johns were taken off the clothing matrix. There is a process involving the Statewide Security Advisory Council (SSAC) who vote to approve items for the

		population. The question is on the agenda for next SSAC meeting.
Response to Questions	Headquarters has asked to be involved in responses to general questions.	Captain McNeese needs to forward questions to Public Relations at HQ, so they can be screened and they can respond to the inquiry. Captain McNeese isn't a Public information Officer (PIO) and doesn't always have the real time information. She understands it may feel like a delay in communications but will continue to share as much as possible.

New business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points (Questions)	Next Steps (Information & Responses)
State Family Council Updates	Comfort items for Quarantine	Lisa Flynn asked for input on comfort items for population on Quarantine. Send suggestions to SFC Rep Felix D'allesandro.
Updates from Bryon Coates about Committee meetings	<p>(1) Communication</p> <p>(2) Legislation</p>	<p>(1) Jpay contract still in works between 2 vendors. Education services on tablets were discussed but no guarantees. No update on cost. Loaner vs owning tablets was discussed. Would like full time DOC staff to be in charge of the contract and reach out to vendors instead of the family members. No end date for contract, but may be in the middle of next year. Including music subscription discussed.</p> <p>(2) Task force has been extended another year to work on the sentencing grid. Grid changes will help with cost savings for judicial system funds and give back to the system. Discussion regarding enhancements concurrent vs consecutive. Talks of reducing the burden of LFO, as most can't afford them. Clemency Council, full</p>

	<p>(3) Budget Reduction</p> <p>(4) Medical</p> <p>(5) Columbia Legal</p>	<p>time board, sounds like 3 strikes won't mean life. Proposal to earn 2nd Chance Bill for ISRB over 15 years. Policy won't be looked at till 10 years into the sentence. (Bill website - https://leg.wa.gov/)</p> <p>(3) DOC requests for earned time increase to 33% for all offenses. Committee supported but prosecutors don't support. Graduated Re-entry - looking at expanding the program. Re-entry house bill will help make it harder for landlords to deny housing. Tara Simmions is working on this. Tolling pausing - when someone is back in the system it's hard to keep track. Asking to re-invest money to reduce correction load, set up electronic health record systems and staff modeling.</p> <p>(4) Committee is looking at the nursing issues, I-Coach software program for counselors, expanding gate money. Medicare - Wanting to change to continue medicare, while in jail to stop delay in reactivation.</p> <p>(5) Focusing on earned time and solitary confinement reform.</p>
<p>Test Results</p>	<p>How is the population being told their results?</p> <p>Is there anyone from MCC who is hospitalized?</p> <p>When will the second round of test samples be taken?</p>	<p>Medical staff will notify the population with their test results during rounds.</p> <p>Health Care Manager Elke Jackson doesn't believe anyone from MCC is hospitalized. There are many hospitals so not having a hospital room available isn't a concern.</p> <p>The second round of test samples are taken about 7 days after the first test was taken.</p>
<p>COVID 19 Vaccination</p>	<p>Will the population be able to get the vaccination early?</p>	<p>We don't know when the vaccine will be available to the population, but will keep you informed. The</p>

		population will be polled to see if they want the vaccination.
Staffing	Officers working in C/D units are also working in A/B units. Doesn't make sense.	Staff working on quarantine units follow the PPE matrix. With the staffing crises, we would be unable to operate without staff working in other areas. Mandatory Overtime is one of the conditions of employment and is necessary with staffing shortages. A team of MCC staff were sent to Airway Heights (AHCC) to assist.
Kosher Diet	No eggs at breakfast, but still getting them at other meals.	Reports no change to Kosher Diet for BK boats. We are working on getting eggs added to the Kosher diet.
Quarantine VS Lockdown	If the population is on Quarantine, are they on lockdown?	At TRU, the population was recalled in the middle of the day to identify who had COVID symptoms and to conduct contact tracing to keep the population safe. The way it happened may feel like a lockdown as stayed in their housing units until COVID protocol was completed. When WSR was put on quarantine, it didn't need to happen with a recall due to the timing.

Roundtable open discussion

Next meeting location: Virtual Skype meeting Date: January 16, 2021 Time: 1000 to 1200 hours

Comments: _____

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