



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Virtual Teams Meeting Date: June 4, 2022 Time: 10:00-12:00 p.m.

Teleconference details: Virtual Teams Meeting

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Captain Ina McNeese Family co-chair: _____

Facility/council secretary: _____ Family secretary, Josephine Johnson

Members present: _____

Non-council member attendees: _____

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points (questions)	Next Steps (responses)
COVID Captain McNeese	Updates on COVID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small outbreak at SOU in E & F units. - New Guidelines - If an I/I is tested positive they will be moved to isolation, others in the unit will be about to quarantine in place.
Medial Information Health Services Manager Lisa Anderson	Updates regarding medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In person sick calls at TRY are running smoothly and have reduced the number of emergency medical declarations. This is a better process than filling out kites and having to wait for appointments. Moving towards setting this up at WSR also. - - - Staff are delivering ordered KOP's to the units instead of I/I having to go stand in the pill line to receive their medication. - - There has been a rotation of staff, trying to change the culture statewide. - Booster clinic for vaccine is scheduled for TRU D Unit Friday June 10th and for staff June 29th & 30th.
Visiting Cpt. McNeese	Visiting Update - In-person & EFV's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We did get permission to increase the number of visits a month from 3 to 6. Padilla and team are working on a schedule as it will be visits by cohorts.
WSR Closure Cpt McNeese	Consolidation & Closure updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leadership met with the teamsters to discuss what staffing will look like regarding realigning of positions and moving people around as WSR closure continues. With this Cpt McNeese assured the LFC that she will stay co-chair of the LFC and continue to oversee visiting. - With the closure of 3 living units at WSR it will have a lot of impact, officers were notified the 1st week of June about which jobs are being eliminated and others that are being created. - The population at WSR is still around 60 in A unit, within a month this will impact the visiting at WSR. All visiting staff positions were eliminated, McNeese and Padilla are looking at the process of how to use SOU visiting staff to cover both SOU and WSR visiting. It's not in writing, but looking at possibly 2 days visiting at WSR and 2 at SOU.

Mattresses Cpt McNeese	Update on mattresses	- MCC is expected to get 1,000 new mattresses next week. Checked with the warehouse and they are scheduled to be delivered. The CPM will have the oversight of the delivery with the CUS assigning replacements. McNeese hasn't received kiosk messages about mattresses, more related to rec & gym use.
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New business

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Statewide Family Council Danielle White	Update From Statewide Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New plan to approach rehabilitation - Wage increase due to the commissary increasing so much in the last 6 months, including some items more than \$1.00 within the last week. This has to be taken to legislation, Danielle is working to see who needs to be contacted regarding this topic. - New EFV standards to have statewide normalizations including scheduling. <p>McNeese added: believes wages are determined by legislation or office of financial management, cost of living increases on the outside make sense for prices to go up based on inflation. Commented wages haven't increased since at least 1995 that she is aware of.</p> <p>Also, Lisa Flynn heard loud and clear from LFC members the disparities of the EFV and unknown of what to expect when transferred. She sent a long list of inventory of what should be in every trailer. MCC's trailers were gone through and new items purchased such as changing tables, baby blankets, bbq equipment, hair dryers in addition to new picnic tables and outdoor setting being built to be placed at the trailers.</p>
Cpt McNeese	Elections	There needs to be new nominations and a vote for co-chair of the LFC. McNeese will be sending out an email asking for nominations and volunteers. Unsure when the vote will be held, if it will wait till August or will have another meeting.
Family Questions/Comments	Medical Questions	<p>Q - Are there active providers at MCC? A - There are providers at each facility during the week, and are on call 24/7 on the weekends.</p> <p>- Q - Why are several I/I not receiving medication weeks upon weeks out due to not having them in stock or no provider at the facility? A - There are providers at each facility, and we aren't aware of I/I not getting their medication. This will be looked into.</p>
	EFV Questions	<p>Q - Is it possible to create a group of families who have EFV's to discuss what needs replaced such as the pans being rusted and not able to bring in disposable ones any longer? A - will check and see what would have to be done for this to happen.</p> <p>Q - Is there extra equipment/items kept in storage to replace items as needed? A - That is the plan to have extra items in the storage room to replace things as needed, will look into the fridge that is making noise and replace it if it can't be fixed.</p>
	Resources	Q - Is there resources that will find housing due to background and not being allowed at some housing. A - Will check with the family service division, they should have information that will help with this.
	Visit Questions	Q - Is food going to be allowed at visits? A - Headquarters has not authorized vending machines nor no mask photos yet. There is no date of when this will happen.

		<p>Comment - have heard other facilities are opening vending machines and extending visits at the end of the month</p> <p>Q - Could I/I do a rapid test before visits to be able to kiss a loved one without a mask? A - This unfortunately isn't an option right now.</p> <p>Q - How are special visits working? A - Shaw, McNeese & Padilla are trying to come up with a plan of how and where special visits would be set up due to visits being by cohorts. (more info in a couple weeks)</p>
	Cable	<p>- Q - what can be done about the cable as the issues are still unresolved even after a couple years and "upgrades" that were done seem to have made things worse, the cable totally goes out at times now also. A - unsure what the fix is</p>
	Summer Heat at Tru	<p>Q - What is the plan to help the I/I with the heat this summer, as last year it was extremely hot? Will there be enough ice, AC, air flow? A - Chandler had a fantastic idea to use the freezers at WSR to fill the freezers and stockpile ice to have enough to get through the heat. Also, materials have been ordered to make window coverings, waiting for CI to put the coverings together, no date of when they will be given out. There is also a plan to cover the skylights at TRU to help the heat.</p>
	Hot Shots	<p>Q - Is there a way hotshots or more microwaves to help assist with the long lines at the microwaves now? A - the question was sent to CPM Ferrell to see what the options are for this.</p>
	Jpay	<p>Q - Why are messages taking so long to go through, at times it's up to a month? A - Cohns responded that CPM Ferrell can go and check each message to see what the hold up is.</p> <p>Q - TRU C unit kiosk machine not working since power bump on Thursday, 1 hasn't worked for a couple weeks. How can this be fixed? A - CMP Cohns ran a test and found out both not working, sent a message for Jpay to do a remote reboot. (as of 6/7/22 they still aren't working)</p> <p>Q - Is there any more info on the new contract and when they can get new tablets? A - Email Keith at headquarters, who will have more information on this. They are starting at the women's prison then moving onto the mens.</p>
	GTL Phones	<p>Q - There are several phones out at MSU, how can they be fixed? A - Staff have sent a request, it's been at least 2 months dealing with this issue and have filed a grievance regarding it.</p>
	Music Rooms	<p>Q - Does MCC still have music rooms that are stocked with equipment? A - Yes, there are rooms but due to COVID, they haven't been in use. McNeese will reach out and see if a plan can be made by cohort and social distance to allow them to be used.</p>
	Weddings	<p>Q - Our weddings was approved to be in person, but I need assistance who can help officiate the wedding. A - Will check with family services to see if they are aware of anyone.</p>

Roundtable open discussion:

Next meeting location: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Comments: _____

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