

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: MCCCW

Date and Time: 6/15/2020, 1:00PM

Attendees

- Name: Dennis Tabb, Superintendent; Maria Hall, Lieutenant; Chrislee McConnaughey, CPPC; Mike Eby, Family Services Unit
- Name: LFC Members – Paula Bond; Melody Simle

Weekly Update

- Topic – COVID-19 update – There are no cases of COVID 19 at MCCCW
- Topic – Facility Status – no new issues or incidents at MCCCW

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

I'd like to talk about JPay issues, denial of emails in particular?

Answer

JPay would only be delayed if there were a safety and security issue with message. At that time, it would be reviewed by mailroom staff.

Question 2

Why did you decide not to allow cupcakes for the GED/HS graduates?

Answer

No food allowed in programming areas. MCCCW is going out of their way to allow Tacoma Community College (TCC), as well as Trades Related Apprenticeship Coaching (TRAC) graduation during the pandemic. Most programming is not being allowed these types of events, at this time.

Question 3

The toilet in the bathroom off the kitchen has been replaced with something that resembles a man's urinal w/ no seat and it's still leaking

Answer

This commode type toilet is what MCCCW had on hand to replace the broken toilet. Additional areas of the facility have same commode. A contractor has been contacted to repair the leak on the replacement commode.

Question 4

What is the delay w/ the new masks?

Answer

MCCCW will continue to work with WCCW for masks. Each individual has been issued four masks that can be washed for continuous use.

Question 5

The laundry smells awful, when will the hot water be fixed?

Answer

Hot water tank repairs are scheduled for next week. Hoping to be completed June 23-25, 2020.

Question 6

When cleaning out the fridge some chicken ala king was found that must have been over two years old. It was served to the population and many of the inmates felt sick afterward. Whose decision was that?

Answer

The Chicken Ala King that was served had never been thawed and was in the freezer less than a year. Per our Food Service Manager, if product is not thawed, it has a shelf life of 5 years.

Question 7

What is the current population at MCCCW?

Answer

As of today, MCCCW is at 192 individuals incarcerated at MCCCW
Mission Unit -- 79 with 59 in unit and 19 in Visit Alternative Unit
Bear Unit -- 52
Gold Unit – 61

Superintendent is going to work with WCCW to bring a maximum for 8 additional individuals from WCCW to MCCCW. These individuals will have been at WCCW for some time and no need additional quarantine upon arrival. Transferred individuals will be assigned to Gold and Bear Units, only.

Question 8

Will staff be sent to Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC)?

Answer

Superintendent has not be contacted to send staff to CRCC.

Question 9

What activities are offered to population that has been in quarantine for five days at a time?

Answer

There is an option to bring Library book and games to the unit during quarantine but these items would have to stay in rooms until quarantine is over.

FOLLOW-UP Question:

Is Mental Health availability increased for those who are quarantined?

Answer

At MCCCW, we have a Psychologist available 5-days a week and a Social Worker-4 days a week upon request by medical kites for all population.

Reminder

Quarantined units have a scheduled out hour, twice a day, to complete whatever tasks they want to complete.

Question 10

What is the status of Visitation?

Answer

No plans to move forward with opening Visit, at this time. Opening will come as we move forward in Governor's phases. TC population currently housed in this area will move back upstairs when Visit reopens.

Question 11

What is the status on testing all of the population for COVID-19?

Answer

Currently an individual must be symptomatic to be tested for virus. There is no other plan for testing, at this time.

Additional Questions

Question 1

What is the CPPC doing? Who is that?

Answer

Chrislee McConnaughey is conducting Bingo, approved for telecommuting and working with volunteers training compliance.

Question 2

Is the Cat Program still at MCCCW?

Answer

Yes, we currently have 1 cat on site. Due to pandemic, the program is not receiving additional cats.

Comments/Closing

If there are no further questions, we look forward to speaking with you next Monday, June 22, 2020 at 1:00PM.