



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Olympic Corrections Center Date: 02/10/2022 Time: 1300

Teleconference details: Microsoft Teams calendar appointment

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Jason Bennett, Superintendent Family co-chair: Vacant

Facility/council secretary: AA3: Kate Wahlgren Family secretary, if applicable: Vacant

Members present: Superintendent Jason Bennett, CPM Scott Speer, PA Alvin Massenburg

DOC Staff: Heather Hamilton (OCO)

Family Members: Lindsey Perez, Kalen VanDuren, Rehonna Turner

Non-council member attendees: n/a

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Incarcerated Phones	The Request for Proposal (RFP) is completed, however Secretary Strange let families know at the Statewide Family Council that although there is a contract in place, the former contract holder filed a suit, so the process is on hold. Once that is completed we will begin adding phones throughout the facilities, estimated to be within the next 18 months.	
OCC LFC Calendar	OCC LFC meetings are usually held on Saturdays after visits. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 9 th , however if in-person visits are still suspended the meeting will be changed to a Teams meeting and will be moved to the Thursday before: April 7 th at 1300.	
Parent Teacher Conferences	Mike Eby, Family Services, was on last month's call to discuss parent teacher conferences.	https://doc.wa.gov/family/conferences.htm

New business

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Special Chains	GRE had special transport. Will there be work release special transport?	We are not aware of any work release special transports scheduled at this time. There are plans to have these special transports for work release individuals, and there is bed space in housing, however it still needs to be coordinated with work

		release and outbreak/recovery status of the housing will be taken into consideration. When we receive information on a formalized schedule we will push out the information as soon as we can.
GRE vs. DOSA	Why is it mandatory to complete phase four GRE for non DOSA?	Superintendent Bennett met with staff regarding DOSA/non-DOSA as it relates to GRE. The decision relating to completing phase 4 of treatment was a headquarters (Substance Abuse Recovery Unit and GRE) decision. The goal is to provide the right treatment before release to set the individual up for success post-release. Participating in treatment while balancing a new job post release may be difficult.
	How is 'phasing up' working if they are approved for early release?	OCC's local manager is going to be offering evening classes to assist individuals in moving through the phases as quickly as possible, while still meeting the quality control of the process to ensure individuals have the best chance for success.
Elections	OCC LFC members interested in being a Family co-chair, Family Co-secretary, and Statewide Representative for OCC.	An email will be sent to everyone invited to the OCC LFC calls regarding elections for Family Co-Chair, Family Secretary and Statewide Representative. If there are any responses we can do a special call to hold the elections.

Roundtable open discussion

Heather Hamilton, OCO – Nothing from the Ombuds Office at this time.

Kiosk #4 in Ozette completely down- The JPay kiosks are owned by Securus, not the state, so we can't perform our own maintenance. We will talk to our facility representative and ask that they contact Securus to request a technician response.

Next meeting location: To Be Determined Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022 Time: 2:45 pm

Comments: After this LFC meeting Superintendent Bennett will lead the LFC Covid-19 informational meeting.

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