



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Olympic Corrections Center on TEAMS Date: 2/6/2025 Time: 1pm

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MEETING ATTENDEES

Superintendent Scott Speer
Department/facility co-chair

Schyler Robinson
Family co-chair

Elena Friesz
Facility/council secretary

N/A
Family secretary, if applicable

Members present: Kimberly Heinemann

Non-council member attendees: CPM Jamie Kerschner, Religious Coordinator Larry Hughes, and Ombuds Heather Bates

AGENDA

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
Mobile Dental Update	What is the latest on the mobile dental service? We're all eager to get more information	<i>The infrastructure requirements are met, and we are waiting to hear further from the Headquarter level on implementation. Tentative date is still a way out still in the hiring process.</i>
Incarcerated Dental Care	What dental care is being provided in the meantime for the incarcerated with dental issues that have been pending for months and can't/shouldn't wait because of pain?	<i>There is an emergent/urgent dental care at a camp that doesn't have a dentist on site.</i> <i>-If they are having pain-</i> <i>*They need to notify medical staff that they are having pain via health services kite</i> <i>*If they had pain then were treated, and now are having pain again then we need to know about it. They need to submit a medical kite notifying us of this return of pain.</i> <i>-Once we receive the kites that have dental complaints on them, we send an email to CBCC/SCCC/WCC dentists requesting an appointment for the individual or for their</i>

		<p><i>recommendations for follow up care.</i></p> <p><i>-Once we receive a response from one of the dentists we answer the dental kites that have been submitted by the individual notifying them of whether they have a scheduled appointment-the facilities have to fit us into their schedules (which might be weeks out, it's just whenever they can fit us into their busy schedule and not impede the care they are providing for the individuals at their facilities) or what the recommendations of the dentist is.</i></p> <p><i>-Sometimes they will tell us that the individual needs to be transferred to another facility for dental care, that is relayed to the individual.</i></p> <p><i>*Quite often after we notify the individual that they need to be transferred to get dental care they reply to us telling us that they don't want a transfer for dental care.</i></p> <p><i>*If they do this then we obtain a "Declining Medical, Dental, Mental Health and/or Surgical Treatment" form that can only be completed by the provider as the patient needs to have a complete picture of what harm their declination may cause for them. And then they can ask whatever questions they may have.</i></p>
<p>Family Friendly Events</p>	<p>Why did they cancel the December family event?</p>	<p><i>Staffing schedule. Instead, the men were offered to sign up to send a Christmas gift to a child(ren) that are on their approved visit list. Also were offered to sign up to attend a craft class to ship a gift to their approved visitor(s). The next family friendly event is</i></p>

		<i>scheduled for February 7th for the Hoh Unit and 14th for the Ozette Unit. Draft 2025 event calendar has been submitted for approval.</i>
Event Calendar for 2025	When will they publish the event calendar for next year?	<i>There is a draft Family Friendly, Family Council, Religious and Cultural event calendar. Currently the department of corrections is working on a cultural policy which will dictate how cultural events will occur. We may have to submit the calendar and update once the policy is completed. Attached is OCC LFC meeting dates that will be posted on Family Council Washington State Department of Corrections and in the visit room</i>
Games & Activities	Can games and activities be purchased for events be made available for use at future family events or, ideally, on regular visiting days?	<i>There are a bunch of games, books, movies and toys provided. Activities/crafting typically take some form of instruction as well as additional items we do not supply in the visit room and should be reserved for special event.</i>
Fall Affair Adult Focus Family Friendly Event on October 25th	During the October Friday event, the vending machines were off-limits (which I understand, given the circumstances). If vending machines will be off-limits in the future, could a portion of the event budget be set aside for popular snacks (chips, candy, soda) for both inmates and attendees?	<i>We have had complaints that the vending machines are fairly empty for regular visits after events on Fridays. We supply food at events. The portion of the vending machine that offers soft drinks are available. On event days always have an endless juice fizzy slushy dispenser, ice water and coffee with a variety of creamers, sugar & sweetener are available. There was a bowl of wrapped candy for the taking. Consideration to offer substantial amount with more of a nutritional food choice and a variety of what the population does not usually receive. Due to the distance people travel to attend these events it is important to offer</i>

		<i>food that will be sustainable. Also, the department has a statewide family friendly menu to follow for the meal at events, attachment.</i>
Statewide Family Council	Paloma Valero were you able to attend November 16 th meeting?	<i>Paloma was absent for today's LFC meeting. As of December 16th, SFC minutes had not been posted on site</i>
Virtual Recreation Equipment Tour	PowerPoint	<i>Attached for viewing</i>
OCC IIBF	October month end budget.	<i>Attached for viewing</i>
Accommodations for mental health support.	Does OCC have mental health professional?	<i>Yes, OCC has a Mental Health provider. Individuals can send a medical kite requesting to be seen.</i>
Online college courses	California Coast College	<i>Information provided by Family Co-Chair, Scyler Robinson School Type: This is a for-profit school, so they don't accept FAFSA or the GI Bill. Most guys at OCC opt for a payment plan, typically \$150/month with a \$500 deposit to start, though there are other plans available with higher down payments, lower monthly payments, and an option to pay in full. They will need to go through the education department to arrange for proctors, as final exams require proctoring. Book Rentals: They have a book rental library, which I recommend using. There's a \$50 deposit for each book, and each rental is \$35. Course Load: Because of their circumstances, guys at OCC are allowed to take up to four classes at once.</i>
Peninsula College	Education Navigator	<i>Riley Hession has been recently hired by Peninsula College. Currently in training but will be getting familiar with her position to start reaching out to the population.</i>

Securus Services	Trouble shooting for electronic media services for individuals and their family and friends.	<p><i>Information provided by Family Co-Chair, Scyler Robinson</i></p> <p>Securus Communication: <i>I've found that Securus is much more responsive when I reach out via Facebook. I typically hear back within a couple of hours. When I message them, I include my name, email, phone number, and a brief description of the issue. This approach seems to work well.</i></p> <p>Securus Refunds: <i>I was directed to a refund form for video credits, and I've successfully received credits this way for paid visits. However, I've learned that Securus will not issue credits for visits scheduled with the vouchers our loved ones receive each month, which has been a bit frustrating. You can find the refund form here: Securus Video Connect Credit Request Form.</i></p>
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New business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
No agenda items submitted		

Roundtable open discussion

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Update on mobile dental clinic	Scheduled to be at OCC 2/10	<i>It is looking like first part of March the mobile unit will be out to OCC. Camp schedule explained two weeks at CCCC, one week at MCCCW and one week at OCC.</i>
Visit room	Interior updates to the visit room	<i>Plan to paint, new storage, update the children's play area. A new Keurig coffee machine was installed.</i>
Upcoming events for families	Christian Event & Significant Person/Mother's Day	<i>Christian event scheduled for April 19th and Significant Person for the first two Fridays in May. The population may sign up when flyers are posted in the units.</i>

<p>Food packages</p>	<p>Increase 20 pounds to 25 pounds</p>	<p><i>Quarterly-packages weight may be changing as it conflicts with the WACs.</i></p> <p><i>A resolution request is making its way through the system that points out a conflict between our package and property policy and the WAC. The frequency packages can be ordered was changed several years ago and the maximum weight of packages was recently changed for consistency with the property policy, but the WAC was not updated.</i></p> <p><i>WAC 137-48-040 4a states - An individual may receive one gift package not to exceed 15 pounds in weight on a quarterly basis.</i></p> <p><i>Policy 450.120 states packages will not exceed 25 pounds and can be ordered monthly.</i></p>
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