

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: July 7, 2021 3:00pm

Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Associate Gina Penrose, CPM’s Gary Bohon & Robert Schreiber, RN4 Melissa Lynch, IT5 Keaton Bradley, AA3 Katy Tatro, CPM Secretary Denise Myers
- Other DOC staff – Caroline Melhuish, Family Services; HQ – Jeremy Barclay, Monica Ritter; OCO – Matthias Gyde
- LFC Officers: State Rep Susan Cooksey; Co-Chair Miriam Fry, Secretary Vanessa Lewis
- Family members – Emily Broussard, Jeannette Revay, Bethany Duschene, Jenny Griggs, Susan Wade, Kat & David Kaiser, Tamara Goddard, David Richards, Starr Garden, Anna Ivanov, Shawnte Holmes-Davenport & Lydia Schoen

Monthly Updates:

1. **Fundraiser donations** – During our 6-2-21 LFC COVID Teleconference, it was asked who the nonprofit organizations are that SCCC donated the Shine from the Inside fundraiser funds to. Please see attached list of nonprofit organizations as provided by Recreation Manager Graves.
2. **6-29-21 COVID-19 Restrictions Memo** – IC Van Ogle sent out a Memo to the population on 6-29-21 that effective June 30, 2021 SCCC would be lifting some COVID-19 restrictions within our recreation programs. The following ball sports will be allowed outside only:
 - Basketball
 - Softball
 - Volleyball
 - Soccer
 - Flag Football

Masks are still required to be worn when participating in these different sports programs. Communications will continue to follow as other restrictions are lifted at SCCC.

3. **Stamped envelopes for II’s no longer being provided**– In April 2020, Prisons Health Services Unified Command authorized two (2) free stamped envelopes per week per II across the State. This was due to the suspension of in person visits during that time. As in person non-contact visitation commenced on May 9, 2021, the issuance of these free stamped envelopes will no longer be effective as of June 30, 2021.
4. **COVID-19 updates** - At SCCC we continue to have 0 II’s in Isolation, 0 in Quarantine, 0 positive cases of COVID-19 and 30 transfer seps in G unit (wet cells).

ROUNDTABLE

Participant Questions –

Question 1

Per Bethany Duschene – What is the timeline on tier separation and purpose of cohorts?

Answer

Per Associate Penrose – There is no time frame. The purpose behind the tier separation is due to social distancing requirements and the amount of II's that would be together at the same time in the units. There is not enough space for all of the II's to be out in the dayroom at one time and still keep the social distancing mandate.

Question 2

Per Bethany Duschene – When the II's go to medical, there are many going at the same time and they are all together at once. How does that work with the social distancing?

Answer

Per RN4 Lynch – The II's are kept separate by half campus cohorts and only taking five (5) II's into a waiting room at one time; there are two (2) waiting rooms. Health Services staff keep a close eye on this to ensure social distancing standards are met.

Per Associate Penrose – For our grab and go meals, we use social distancing along with mask wearing while staying in line and then exiting out a different door. We do this to avoid having a large group in a small area. In the units, we only permit 2 to a table in the dayroom so that we meet these requirements.

Question 3

Per Bethany Duschene – Will there be ongoing adjustments to Visitation sign-ups? During Visitation, we only saw a few people and you can't sign up for 2 at a time as you have to use the first visit before signing up for the second.

Answer

Per Associate Penrose – HQ is currently discussing the possibility of 3-hour visits, these ideas must be vetted by many stakeholders prior to initiating them. They are also discussing a new plan of allowing more than 1 pod at a time. When we do hear from HQ, it will be disseminated in Memo form.

Question 4

Per Bethany Duschene – Are there any updates on the Library and chapel opening? And what about the religious services?

Answer

Per Associate Penrose – The chapel is open. We have not heard back from Laura Sherbo on the State Library reopening, but this is being discussed Statewide. Information will be disseminated when it is finalized. There are no religious services at this time. HQ is discussing when volunteers will be permitted back inside the facility; the volunteers cover different denominations and practices. The Chaplain is unable to conduct all the different religious services for all the denominations as he would need to be at the facility 7 days per week. ****Regarding Native Sweat Lodge, this was originally scheduled to open on July 12th, but has been postponed to July 19th****

Question 5

Per Bethany Duschene – What about Education?

Answer

Per Associate Penrose – Classes are running and are being conducted in P building via cohort.

Question 6

Per Susan Wade – What will it look like when Visitation is for 3 hours instead of just 1?

Answer

Per Gary Bohon – HQ has not disseminated any information on this yet.

Question 7

Per Susan Wade – Are the bathrooms not open in Visitation?

Answer

Per CPM Bohon – The bathrooms are not being utilized for the 1-hour visits. The visitors are encouraged to use the bathroom in Public Access before going into the Visit Room.

Per Associate Penrose – We will review this and create guidelines for the bathrooms as visitation expands the length of the visits.

Question 8

Per Susan Wade – Is water going to be available in the Visit Room during Visitation?

Answer

Per Associate Penrose – During the 4th of July weekend, 6 cases of water were set aside for this purpose.

****Water will be made available during Visitation every week****

Question 9

Per Katherine Kaiser – We had our first visit with our son at the facility and it was very nice. And he is fully vaccinated, which we are very happy about. I heard that H6 B pod JPay kiosk is having issues.

Answer

Per Associate Penrose – I will make sure this is taken care of; thank you.

****Verified with H6 staff that on 7-8-21 at 1:42pm, H6 B pod JPay kiosk has been fixed and is up and running****

Question10

Per Tammy Goddard – Will there be an update this month on the time frame for Visitation?

Answer

Per CPM Bohon – As this has to be vetted through the Governor's office, we will wait for the Department's announcement on the decision.

Per Jeremy Barclay- This is vetted through the Governor's Office.

Question 11

Per Shawnte Holmes Davenport – When will children be allowed to participate in Visitation?

Answer

Per Associate Penrose/CPM Bohon – This has not been disclosed yet, however, it is being considered.

Question 12

Per Shawnte Holmes Davenport – What is the reason for EFV's not being processed? I know they go through Medical, but can't SCCC sign off on that?

Answer

Per CPM Bohon – The EFV packets are sent from HQ directly to the facility for staff review/signage. HQ's EFV processing started back up just recently. The EFV's were temporarily shut down due to COVID, so I would imagine they have a back log to process.

Question 13

Per Anna Ivanov – I have questions about the legal phones, the USG catalogues not being current in the units and the BOE posters.

Answer

Per Associate Penrose – Regarding the BOE's, they are not posters they are signs. One sign says to make the behavior log whether you think you should or not and the other says whether negative or positive, behavior logs are crucial and to not delay. Staff are encouraged to make positive and neutral BOE entries as this captures changes to our population's habits; we are looking for consistency. Infractions emphasizes the negative while BOE's capture the positive. ****Copies of both BOE signs are attached to the meeting notes****

Per Anna Ivanov – The incarcerated individuals see the BOE's as being negative. Why can't these be in the officer's stations?

Per Associate Penrose – We appreciate the input and will look at how we can better pitch this to the population. **Pictures of signs for BOE's are attached, they are not negative, they are placed where the staff see them while at their posts dealing with the population. It is important for staff to log good and bad behaviors.**

Per Associate Penrose – Regarding the Summer/Fall CI Catalogues not being in the units, I will follow-up with CI to find out if there is a newer version out yet and if it was delivered to the facility. ****Per CI HQ, here is a breakdown of their USG catalogs:**

- **MPP (Monthly Property Program, shoes, electronics, earbuds, etc.) We publish twice a year, and the next version is currently in development.**
- **FPP (Food Package Program) This bi-monthly program has replaced the QFP (Quarterly Food Package Program). This is a new "Pilot Program" and we're still working out the details on a publication schedule.**

Optical is a separate business from the Package Programs**

Per Associate Penrose – Regarding the legal phones, I don't have an answer on this yet, but will check in with Superintendent Haynes when he returns on Monday.

Question 14

Per Anna Ivanov – Previously I requested kettle bells on behalf of SCCC's population and am not understanding why these can't be purchased, especially when IIBF has the funds available.

Per Associate Penrose – As Associate Van Ogle is not on the call today and is over our Recreation Department, I am unsure of the status on this matter. I do recall Recreation Mgr. Graves stating that they are easily broken. I will look into whether these have been ordered or not. ****Recreation Mgr. Graves has placed an order for: 1) One 13lb Rogue Kettlebell, 2) One 18lb Rogue Kettlebell, 3) One 26lb Rogue Kettlebell and 4) One 35lb Rogue Kettlebell****

Question 15

Per Anna Ivanov – I am concerned about there not being enough II phones in the housing units. Right now, with less II's and using the cohort system, it might be enough. But what happens when things eventually go back to the entire unit having to share the phones at the same time? I would like SCCC to communicate with HQ as the IIBF will help cover the cost of additional phones being added to the units.

Answer

Per Associate Penrose – I will organize a meeting soon with myself, the Superintendent, Associate Van Ogle and Mr. Matthews, our Plant Manager. ****A meeting is scheduled for July 12th to view and assess the phone banks for the possibility of additional phones being added to the units****

Question 16

Per David Richards – If a visitor is scheduled at SCCC, but is unable to visit, can another person visit in their place?

Answer

Per CPM Bohon – HQ states there will be no swapping of visitors. ****To further clarify, there can be no last-minute swaps of visitors. The declining visitor will need to cancel with the SCCC Visit Scheduler, and the new visitor will need to complete the Visit Request per protocol. The SCCC Visit Scheduler works Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm, so please take this into consideration if this occurs on the weekend****

Question 17

Per Bethany Duschene – What about a special accommodation if someone can't drive or it's unsafe to drive and permitting that driver to visit? On the form it says special accommodation.

Per Tammy Goddard – Can this be looked into?

Answer

Per CPM Bohon – There are no special visits being permitted at this time. ****Per HQ's Safe Start Visitation Committee – Regarding special accommodations, this was meant to be for Medical or ADA accommodations, not hotel or services****

Question 18

Per Susan Wade – Regarding the new Hotel Voucher Program that should be rolling out soon, I see that there is only one (1) hotel in the Aberdeen area that is a part of this program. It's called The Travel Lodge. Is there a reason why there is only one (1) hotel offered?

Answer

Per Associate Penrose – Our CPPC Branwyn Mansford is not on the call today, but I will check in with her when she returns on Monday, as she would be the appropriate staff member to answer this question.

[Comment from State Rep Susan Cooksey](#) – I would like to express my sincere sympathy on behalf of C/O Gabe Forrest. I'd also like to thank everyone for the 4th of July meal for our loved ones as our loved ones really enjoyed it.

Per Associate Penrose – Thank you for the kind words on the loss of C/O Forrest. It's been a difficult day for all of us at SCCC. Kudos to Food Services for the wonderful 4th of July meal and happy to hear the population enjoyed it.

[Comments/Closing](#) – Thank you all very much for tuning in and participating in today's meeting. We will meet again via teleconference on August 4th at 3:00pm. Stay safe.

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SHINE FROM THE INSIDE FUNDRAISER

LIST OF NONPROFIT GROUPS

2021

\$1000 Connections (Children's Advocacy Center)

\$1000 Puget Sound After-School All-stars

\$1000 Stafford Creek's Toy Time program

\$1000 Hoquiam Youth Sports Association

\$1000 Stafford Creek's Bicycles from Heaven program

Last year we sent the following:

2020

\$2000 Making a Difference for Grays Harbor Kids

\$3000 Puget Sound After-School All-Stars

\$1000 Beyond Survival

\$5500 Coastal Harvest

\$5500 Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank and Family Services

\$1000 Stafford Creek's Bears from Behind Bars program

\$1000 Stafford Creek's Toy Time program

\$1000 Stafford Creek's Bicycles from Heaven program

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