



STATEWIDE FAMILY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time/ January 19th, 2019 10:00 – 3:00  
Location: Correctional Industries, Tumwater, WA

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**Important: Everyone attending the March meeting bring an item that reflects something about you, this will help us get to know one another and set the environment before we tackle issues. Also bring a photo of you and your loved one if you'd like.**

**MEETING ATTENDEES**

**Department Co-chair:** Scott Russell/Belinda Stewart  
**Department Secretary:** Debra Dobson

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**Family Co-Chair:** Suzanne Cook, WSP  
**Family secretary:** Yoshikovasha Garcia, AHCC

**State Council Representatives:**  
Kay Crampton, CCCC  
Loretta Rafay, MCC  
Dora Williams, AHCC  
Jason Rice, WCCW  
Patti Tilford, WCC  
Wendy Dubinsky, WSP  
Barbara Kaelberer, MCCCW  
Susan Cooksey, SCCC  
Heather Dockery, CRCC  
Carol Foss, CBCC  
Julie Winkler, OCC (maybe)

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**Family Participants:**

Verna Westman	Jody Bullard
Joanna Todd	Diane Sifres
Michelle Foxx	Miriam Fry
Kehaulani Walker	Jeanne Ernst
Paula Bond	Julie Triggs
Portia Hinton	Anna Ivanov
Carol Welch	Vanessa Lewis
Felix D'Allesandro	Lynn Ausley
David Bullard	Monica Johnson

**DOC guests:**

Clela Steelhammer – Legislative update	Dawn Taylor, DOC HQ
Jason Bennett, Superintendent, OCC	Joanna Carns, OCO
Charles Friesz, Visit Sergeant, OCC	Angee Schrader, OCO
JMarie Johnson, Facilitator	Melody Simle, OCO

## AGENDA

### Welcome and Introductions: Suzanne Cook

All attendees introduced themselves and told which organization/facility/department they represent.

Topic	Discussion/ Key points
<p>JMarie Johnson jjohnsonkola@live.com</p>	<p>Time set aside to get to know each other (Focus on connection and getting to know one another DOC/State Reps/ and Family members)  <i>[5-min personality Test]</i>  <i>Jmarie had everyone reflect on the following quote:</i>  <b>Welcome the ‘stranger’ inside us.</b>  <b>When we take the time to reflect on our lives, we often discover struggles that take place inside us. It can help to ask, “What do I carry inside that is an old story, that is not really me or that I am ready to let go?” “what aspects of myself did I avoid?” What behaviors get in the way of my best gifts and how I really want to live?”</b>  <b>This could help us create Gracious Space for ourselves and Others.</b></p>
<p>Clela Steelhammer                       Legislative Policy Manager   <a href="mailto:clela.steelhammer@doc.wa.gov">clela.steelhammer@doc.wa.gov</a>                       Dept. of Corrections Executive policy office                       Office 360-725-8267                      Cell 360-507-5109                       7345 Linderson Way                      SW MS 41113                      Tumwater, WA 98501                       DOC goes through daily bill introductions, looks for bills that might affect DOC.   <b>We need to be reading through the bills mentioned to determine how they will affect us</b></p>	<p>One week of session, 800 bills have already been introduced.  <b>ATTACHMENT 1 - BILLS DOC IS TRACKING</b>  <b>ATTACHMENT 2 - Navigating the Legislative Website</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/">https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/</a> ← Clela noted the following HB and SB listed below are high in importance.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">House Bill</p> <p><b>1041</b> Certificate of Discharge, is awarded when confinement, LFOs, etc are met, once restitution portion of LFOs are paid. “The New Hope Act.”  <b>1080</b> Domestic Violence Registry with WA state patrol apply to <u>on or after</u> bill.  <b>1153</b> Possible earned early release time? Not currently retrospectively  <b>1280</b> Property crime sentencing, would give community corrections version of earned time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senate Bill:</p> <p><b>5056</b> Addresses adequate resources  <b>5076</b> Allow those under DOC supervision the right to vote. Unintentionally has been worded to exclude people who violated terms of release and have been re-confined.  <b>5080</b> More freedom for school and work programs during graduated reentry.  <b>5120</b> Prohibits DOC and county/city jails from contracting with private correctional facilities. DOC’s concern is what would they do if there was an earthquake or other natural disaster that made an entire prison unusable?  <b>5203</b> Create pilot program at MCC for apprenticeship training (\$100,000 appropriated)  <b>5207</b> Require DOC to provide voter registration forms and info upon release?  <b>5291</b> Expands sentencing alternative for parents, community parenting alternative. DOC can transfer people to community corrections electronic monitoring. This would expand it to expecting parents and step-parents. Nature of crime limitations, no sex or violent offenses. On sentencing side, also can’t have the sentencing history. DOC side does not have this restriction, though DOC will consider violent histories. If more than five years in the past or juvenile offenses.  <b>5288</b> Aims to remove Robbery 2 and Assault 2 from persistent offender (three strikes) laws,</p>

<p><b>and our loved ones. If you have concerns please contact your local family council so information can be used to either support or oppose the proposed bills.</b></p>	<p>would be retroactive so people can go back for resentencing  <b>5339</b> eliminates the death penalty  <b>5380</b> have to offer Narcon for those with opioid issues  <b>5364</b> reinstate death penalty for those already incarcerated for murder who commit another murder while incarcerated</p> <p>Additional possible bills with no number yet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Convicted of non-violent offenses, non-sex, non-crime against a person... would give them possible 50% off time, but would now be retroactive? Would free up thousands of beds across DOC system?</li> <li>● Concurrent supervision bill so that stacked terms of supervision would become concurrent, getting people off supervision much sooner. Only affects community corrections supervision, does not affect things like weapons enhancements.</li> <li>● Possible changes to Swift and Certain laws. Current language after fifth violation automatic high-level violation is imposed with 30-day confinement imposed. Would address behavior with a sanction instead of reconfinement. (Currently this issue is exacerbated by the stacked terms of supervision. Someone on supervision for decades with no recent problems could have a fifth violation of a minor sort, such as failing to show up to report, and could then be re-confined.)</li> <li>● Depending on how bills are worded, a bill that introduces a lightening of sentences can often be applied retroactively. A harsher statute cannot be applied retroactively.</li> </ul> <p>Clela,  “The overall sentiment of this session is NO SUPPORT FOR A NEW PRISON, but we have never seen <u>so many bills increasing punishment</u> introduced in the first week of a session. Doesn’t mean these will succeed, but...”</p> <p>“Will be doing a fiscal impact and bill analysis for each, so DOC will be explaining to legislators the costs and prison population increase per day impacts of each bill”</p> <p>“Female population at a certain custody level is estimated to increase by 155% over next five years if something is not done.”</p>
<p><b>Who we are:</b> HQ, AHCC, CCCC, CBCC, CRCC, LCC, MCCCW, MCC, OCC, SCCC, WCC, WCCW, WSP</p>	
<p><b>Our Personalities:</b> 12 Lions, 5 Beavers, 6 Otters, 7 Golden Retrievers</p>	
<p><b>Strengths:</b> Shows up, 35yrs &amp; state employee manager, youth/family voice, family unity, writing &amp; research, multicultural, interested, activated, politician, black/white, nurturer, consistent, passion, fearless, vocal, discerning, objectivity, deep diving/ problem solver, connector/ partnership, detail oriented, persistent, computer savvy, compassion, sees from other point of view, peacemaker, silver lining, smiles, energy, people person, newbie, positive approach, patience, persistence, family, open minded, calm spirit, integrity, loyalty, commitment, organized, accept criticism, team player, out of the box, ears to hear, heart to receive, open mindedness, look at both sides, partner, understand research/write, caring, positivity.</p>	
<p align="center"><b>“What do we believe each of the followings roles are in regard to Family Policy”</b>  <i>Collaboration between all attendees. * Doesn’t currently reflect in the Family Council policy, hence why we are meeting to rewrite a portion of it in March.</i></p>	
<p><i>Ideas for our agreements as a group to get work done.</i></p>	<p><i>Respectful, active listening, professional, collaboration, open minded, no side conversations, follow through, limit our focus (to a specific problem), on-going list of projects and celebrations, world changers, speakers take a pause and others step up to be heard, assume positive intent,</i></p>

	<i>benefit of the doubt, 3 then me (before I raise my hand), understanding..., willing to compromise, [Understand the context of State, local and families... we need to give local councils/facilities a chance to resolve the issue], address local vs. systemic issues go to the source of the issue and focus on the task. Bring Problems &amp; Solutions. Strive to be non-judgemental, transparency, flexibility,</i>
Department Of Corrections (DOC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Co-facilitate council meetings</li> <li>2. Help resolve when we can't resolve at LFC/SFC</li> <li>3. Celebrate Success</li> <li>4. Be the change agent - work toward standardization</li> <li>5. Document across all facility policies, procedure, memorandums</li> <li>6. Safety of our family members (inside), staff and families (outside)</li> <li>7. Improving living standards for family members (inside)</li> <li>8. Support health &amp; wellness including behavioral &amp; mental health</li> <li>9. Implement through collaboration a decision Tree.</li> </ol>
State Family Council (SFC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bring issues from LFC (unresolved and global)</li> <li>2. Bring issues for legislation</li> <li>3. LFC, SFC, and DOC work together</li> <li>4. Sharing information/Success</li> <li>5. Provide policy input</li> <li>6. Presentation on outcomes, issues and concerns (w/follow-up)</li> <li>7. How do we exhaust issues?</li> <li>8. Action item list followed and tracked</li> </ol>
Local Family Council (LFC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Come together for the betterment of our loved ones</li> <li>2. Identify issues that affect relationships with loved ones</li> <li>3. Resolve issues that can be handled on a local level</li> <li>4. Issues that cannot be resolved on local level, communicate with our local state rep to bring issue to a state representative</li> <li>5. Local family council members to be encouragement to local family at facility</li> <li>6. Partner with facilities (leadership teams) to improve programs and opportunities</li> </ol>
Concerns voiced by Families:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jpay, still is overcharging, not being maintained, not servicing per contract.</li> <li>2. We want family services to be part of Local and State family council again.</li> <li>3. Concern with limited meetings, we want to get stuff done.</li> </ol>
Next March Meeting:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Policy feedback from Local Family Council Reps about Family Council Policy.</b> [5 min each, 1 hr estimated] <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. What issues need to be addressed in the policy?</li> <li>B. What roles and responsibilities will we set?</li> <li>C. Expectations for how to resolve an issue? [Clearly defined so there is no confusion]</li> <li>D. How to formulate and set the agenda and how to run the meeting, what other groups have a similar structure that we can take ideas from?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Set up new Family Council Policy focus group with Belinda</li> <li>3. Review priorities from LFC → State Family council Reps be ready with a list of 1-3 issues we will see if we can group them based on type. Focus group from September will assist. (Suzanne, Kehualani, Loretta and Duaa are the September focus group)</li> </ol>

Thank you to everyone for attending.

**NEXT MEETING: March 16, 2019**