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STATEWIDE FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time/ Location: May 18th, 2019 10:00 – 3:00
7345 Linderson Way SW Tumwater, WA 98501

MEETING ATTENDEES

Department Co-chair: Scott Russell
Department Assistant: Debra Dobson

Family Co-Chair: Suzanne Cook, MCC-TRU
Family secretary: Yoshikovasha Garcia, AHCC

State Council Representatives: Jason Rice, WCCW; Susan Cooksey, SCCC; Barbara Kaelbarer, MCCCW; Wendy Dubinsky, WSP; Kay Crampton, CCCC; Jodi Kennedy, WCC; Julie Winkler, OCC; Yoshi Garcia, AHCC; Jim Jackson, LCC; Felix D’Allesandro, MCC

Family Participants:

Joanne Pfeifer, Michelle Foxx, Karen Cain, W.McKinzie, Heather Dockery, Connie Paomershim, Chelsea Moore, Carol Welch, Katrin Richey, Julie Tripp, Elisabeth Kingsbury, Diane Sifres, Loretta Rafay, Miriam Fry, Byron Coates, Anna Ivonov

DOC guests:

Clela Steelhammer – Legislative update
David Flynn - outgoing Supt. CCCC
Lisa Flynn - Superintendent, LCC
Justin Thibodeaux, Sergenat, LCC
J.C. Miller, LCC
Caroline Melhuish, Family Services Unit

Other Guests:

Joanna Carns

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions: Suzanne Cook

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

Topic	Discussion/ Key points
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<p>Welcome & announcements Organizational changes</p>	<p>Belinda Stewart will be greatly missed as mentor, mover, shaker, who over the years has helped connect families and staff to improve the system. She will be moving to WA D.C. to continue working to improving gender responsivity, and training new wardens at the National Level. The NIC.</p>
<p>Work Group Formulation/ Project Timelines</p>	<p>David Flynn - superintendent is leaving the Cedar Creek Corrections Center and joining DSHS to return to work on McNeil Island. McNeil Island is managed by DSHS but owned by Correctional Industries https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sesa/office-communications/media-release/new-ceos-special-commitment-center-child-study-and-treatment-center</p> <p>New superintendent at CCCC will be Alfred Smack. https://www.doc.wa.gov/news/2019/05232019p.htm</p> <p>Statewide Family Council is having difficulty securing a meeting location. Ideas? Looking for smaller chairs for the location at CI as cost would be \$0, currently the cost is \$400 to \$500 dollars and scheduling the location has been a nightmare.</p> <p>The top 5 issues that need to be addressed this year? At the local level? At the state level?</p>
<p>Statewide Family Council meeting structure update from Local Family Council reps</p>	<p>How is the process working with the new meeting set up around the state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No agenda items were listed ● No time to discuss the ground rules, has been introduced ● Got hand out, but no discussion, denied to have an incarcerated person to be there. ● Follow ground rules, most visitors don't know there is a family council. 4 times a year, minutes and agenda to be posted, things getting lost. ● Not brought up, went over time, will bring up at new meeting, ● Everyone got it and discussion did take place ● Reviewed rules, discussed parking lot but didn't go over ● Let them know we had new visual aids, meeting is very respectful, currently run by DOC co-chair ● Given 15 min., brought in all the stuff, but had little to no feed-back from doc or families. ● Told DOC doesn't work on Saturdays, what does that mean to our Family Council, decision makers are not there on Saturday. ● Given last 15 min on agenda, DOC co-chair is running it, suggest Co-chairs to visit next state meeting. ● Introduce things at the last meeting. Looks pretty good but we will have more info later ● Good meeting, policy was not brought up, currently have no facility secretary, no timeslot, new positions, developing new rules, with full house of staff and incarcerated, superintendent runs the meeting. <p>-- Finalized posters will be produced and sent out</p>
<p>OBF, Visiting</p>	<p>Needs a better pathway for improving legislation and policies.</p>

<p>Guidelines & CPPC Updates</p>	<p>50% turn over, there are no family friendly events without CPPC. Some bumps in the road for CPPC positions, recent retirees.</p> <p>New guidelines should be out.</p> <p>Along with Scott Russell, Carrie Kendig, Bill Copland, Theo Lewis and David Ganas, Suzanne Cook participated in reviewing all the Family Friendly Event proposals, from each facility CPPC for use of the OBF Offender Betterment Fund. All facilities should have been able to participate, all requests got categorized, there was a lot of variation, and different types at each location but there was no consistency, it was noted that at AHCC there were no adult events, in the future each location will have an established minimum event requirement - a framework.</p> <p>OBF: Funds Events, 25% for crime victims funds, cable, weights, Matthew House, Western Van Service (only covers the west side), girl scouts, \$500,000 budget split between all the facilities, we can get OBF fund budget over-view documents from Dianne Doonan, informing us on the utilization of the money.</p> <p>Questions posed: Explain a breakdown for contributions, budgets are available, what is the OBF set aside for where can we find it? are you aware of the OBF account? Better transparencies. proper planning and amounts requested. Cultural events - 3 are recognized(...), food is funded if they want children the person has to pay for custody staff to be at the event (...) OCC doesn't have a CPPC, everyone else has one.</p> <p>Revenue comes from Jpay, EFV, GTL, CI,</p> <p>Family Council members engage with your CPPC Community/ Partnership Program Coordinator asap!! →</p> <p>For the women at the Yakima jail they do not have a CPPC, they get visits, but they currently get no events, they get additional support "ex: lip gloss, mascara, and exercise equipment". Trying to get staff to help out.</p>	
<p>LFC meetings, elections, status of structure mirroring the SFC</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. medical & dental 2. LFC training --> Video training by SFC for staff 3. Communication Tree, w/ ex. 4. Family Council Policy (tier reps @LFC, LFC can talk to visitors, brochures at every facility , increase number of family councils 5. Cap on indigent accounts 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cap on indigent 2. fundraising 3. EFV allowable items/ and people 4. mattresses
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. jpay 2. thicker mattresses 3. education with things not covered 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. medical/dental/mattress 2. organization charts, brochures 3. GTL/ JPAY

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<p>Legislative updates</p>	<p>Clela Steelhammer -hand out of legislative updates. see hand out</p> <p>Vet legislation, wins or loses determined by DOC lots of base funding got approved. 200 new work release beds,</p> <p>Senator Jeannie Darnelle:</p> <p>1306 food is funded but not staff to deliver, passed lead programs, prevention programs, --></p> <p>5287 - census is done based on where they are, collected about where they are from. --> counting people will be counting aka gerrymandering</p> <p>5288 --> breaking up 3 strikes law, 289 people serving 3 strikes, is a prospective law will do 5-10 wont be a tolling strike, 62 have possibility for clemency. going for robbery 2 being removed from 3 strike law</p> <p>5485 Ombudsman --> reduce sentences to address overcrowding. fiscal note of 70 million, save about 40 million, to measure earned release and supervision, when does one start, when does one end, is it consecutively or concurrently?, next year it will be passed women's division bill</p> <p>5189 post conviction review process, victims rights, people who wrote 3 strikes law, issues in ways & means committees. keep communicating with senators, 3 strikes and people never get out, reboot in sentencing grid, programing has more of an</p>				

	<p>impact than time of sentencing. Meeting around the state. Working on coming back to parole, aging proposal, omnibus bill</p> <p>It's very important from the get go to get into treatment, program, get family involved and all getting involved</p> <p>5290 building new systems for youth, children, foster care children.</p> <p>Writing a book is a good way to bring light to bills like these. For example “Here is the good, the bad and the ugly, stories from inside.”</p> <p>community parenting rule did not pass...</p>
<p>Wrap-up July Agenda items</p>	<p>OBF review how to be actively involved - how can we create a fair & consistent proposal process that streamlines events across all facilities.</p> <p>Budget</p> <p>Top 5 for State Family Council</p> <p>Policy work group update</p> <p>update on superintendents meetings</p> <p>timer/</p> <p>local facilities report back.</p> <p>notification of new location</p>

NEXT MEETING – JULY 13, 2019, CI HEADQUARTERS, TUMWATER