

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: WCC

Date and Time: 6/4/2020, 13:00

Attendees

Name:

Dan White - Superintendent

Dean Mason - Associate Superintendent

Justin Schlagel - Correctional Program Manager

Mike Eby - Community Correctional Specialist

Matthias Gyde - Assistant Ombuds

Paige Perkinson - Program Specialist

Casey Carlson - Health Services Manager

Joanna Carns - Ombuds Director

Kaishanna Saunders

Kristina Olson

Jasmine Bernardez

Candace Krueger

Jacki Racus

Amy Grubaugh

Weekly Update

1. 4 ISO 3 Quarantine
2. Face Covering: Face coverings fatigue for everyone. Both Staff and incarcerated are diligent and compliant about wearing. Reminders are given when necessary.
3. Additional access to yard: We have heard good feedback about the Yard.
4. COVID: Testing 78 done 3 pending 4 positive
5. RCF update: Still working on staffing. 19 beds ready to go. We have a lot of provisions and protocols in place should we need to go operational.
6. Religious Services: We have an alternative area set up for religious services.
7. Gratuity pay extension for those who are in the cleaning positions through June 30th
8. We were made away of some technology issues within the facility. Kiosk system is down. JPAY kiosks are having issues as well. The vendor is aware.

Pre-Submitted Questions

There were no pre-submitted questions.

Additional Questions

Question 1

Saunders: Visitation. Is there any opening date? Rumors are saying not until 2021 or Phase 4. Is that true?

- a. Answer: 1. Dan- There has been no additional information available at this time. Visiting is important to us, just as it is to you. We are following the Governors directives and the phased return to full operation. We do not anticipate that visiting will be opened in the near future.

Question 2

Saunders: JPAY tablet 10" it has a camera and microphone. Will this be available? And will they be able to make calls from there room?

- a. Answer 1: Dan. I have not heard of that. We are still waiting for confirmation of the new contract/vendor. We are not aware of a new tablet/player.
- b. Answer 2: Carns – There is a product that could be available from JPAY. A phone option is still in talks, but there will probably never be a working camera on the tablet. This is not going to be able to occur until after the contract is signed. This is contingent on if JPAY is retained.

Question 3

Olson: Visitation- Is there a committee around when visits should start and what this would look like?

- a. Answer 1: Dan- It is just too early discuss this.
- b. Answer 2: Paige - significant event report has this information. There is a group reviewing this.

Question 4

Krueger: With all the cleaning going on have the EFV been deep-cleaned?

- a. Answer: Schlagel - No. It will be deep-cleaned prior to opening them up again.

Question 5

Krueger: Cultural gifts - With all the events that have been cancelled, can the gifts made for those be mailed out?

- a. Answer: Dean Mason – We had not thought about that issue. We will put together a team to try to figure this out.

Question 6

Carns: Are the Intake numbers going up?

- a. Answer: Dan - 22 Floor sleepers. We have an Intake Separation Unit (160 beds) that is not always filled to capacity. We also have Isolation and Quarantine tiers that involve 120 beds that cannot be fully occupied. These issues will create floor sleepers at times. Mason – Additionally, there are facilities that are either not currently taking transfers or are slowly introducing new individuals. This affects our count as well.

Question 7

Carns: Are physicals up to date?

- a. Answer: Dan - Physicals are up to date. Classification side is pretty well caught up also.

Question 8

Carns: Are there TV's in isolation?

- a. Answer; Dan – No. We have video games.

Question 9

Carns: Are there phones in isolation?

- a. Answer: Dan- no phones in isolation. Vender was helping set that up, but had a health issue. The CUS checks in daily and asks if there is someone that they should call for them. [Note: Just after the call, we received some portable telephones from the vendor. We are testing a phone in the unit that houses the isolation tier and will hopefully have a working process in place soon.]

Comments/Closing

Call ended 13:33