

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility:

Date and Time: 7/09/2020, 1300

Attendees

Justin Schlager- Correctional Program Manager-Facilitator
Dean Mason- Associate Superintendent
Naomi Samson - AA3 to Associate Green -Recorder
Penny Marquart- AA3 to Associate Mason -Recorder
Norm Goodenough- Health Services Manager
Portia Linear- Statewide Rep
Kaishanna Saunders- Family Secretary
Kristina Olson
Jasmine Bernardez
Candace Krueger
Jacki Racus
Amy Grubaugh
Wendy Schindler

Weekly Update

- Topic 3 ISO 3 Quarantine. 109 negative 1 positive.
- RCF update- No official date as to when we will get patients. Still working on Staffing.
- We are currently still on Step 1 of Safe Start Corrections.
- We just had our Tier Rep meeting and some very good discussions.
- We are still in need of co -chair for LFC.
- Associate Mason delivered 17 new games to each tier. Each tier should have the same games to be fair and tier rep said they are enjoying them.
- State employees are taking mandatory furlough day each week.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Portia: I would like to know if we can confirm that these (see flyers dated July 6th /July 9th) were received by our loved ones.

- 1) Extension of Incarcerated Individual Gratuity Expiring-Communication has gone out and are physically posted in each unit.
- 2) Free Calls and JPay offerings extended- Communication has gone out and are physically posted in each unit.
- 3) A Memo came out from Steve Sinclair that spoke to mobile RCF (Rapid Deploy Unit) based out of HQ for those In need of support. There are 30 beds as a resource if needed.

Question 1

Racus - When will Cedar get a CUS?

Answer: CPM Justin Schlager - August 1st this will happen. Other CUS and CC3 will be helping out

Question 2

Racus - RCF at WCC- Monroe's RCF was dismantled. Are there plans to dismantle any other RCFs

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason- There were concerns at MCC from the Fire Marshall's office. That is the reason for the dismantle.

Question 3

Racus - Air from the RCF is vented out to the small yard and the guys are concerned since the CDC put out an update that it is more airborne than originally thought.

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason - That site is vetted by Army Corp of engineers, Health Department and our own staff here locally. There are no concerns at this time. If there are different recommendations in the future we will adjust to them as we have done so far.

Question 4

Racus - Maintenance workers want to know if they will be forced to go in to the RCF.

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason – No, they will be able to decline. There is no reason to have a crew go in, a lot of the RCF is new and should not require any maintenance.

Question 5

Racus - Why are they treating the stages of safe start for the whole DOC rather than like the state is doing based by county.

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason -We are not involved in those higher level decisions. We strictly manage our facility. We still do have a fair amount of movement between facilities.

Question 6

Kruger - Why is the mail room opening hobby craft materials? - box was damaged and stuff was messed up. I thought they were not supposed to open these sorts of things.

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason - The mail room is point of entry and they are authorized to open all mail.

Question 7

Bernardez -Have you heard anything about a KIOSK in Cedar? You can't hear, it sounds far away. Phones are cutting off at 9pm, so when you try to call back when cut off, you can't. Not sure which KIOSK.

Answer: CPM Justin Schlage - No, we have not heard anything. We will forward this to our GTL rep.

Answer 2: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason- It is the one closest to the door. It has been an ongoing issue. We are hoping the new contract will improve upon these issues.

Question 8

Portia –How many floor sleepers?

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason – 119, most are on R4 and R6.

Question 9

Portia - Are you able to tell me which facilities are not taking any transfers?

Answer: CPM Justin Schlage – None, not taking any. Movement is limited. Our options are Monroe and Stafford.

Question 10

Portia – Can I get a list?

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason- That changes regularly, it is managed through HQ.

Question 11

Portia – The CDC has a new list of symptoms. Do you have any new up-to-date list of screening questions?

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason – we use the same questions that are used across the state. We are using the most current list.

Question 12

Portia - Can you tell me how many RCF's are being used across the state?

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason - As far as I know the only RCF being used is Airway Heights.

Portia – Is RCF fully staffed?

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason – We should be with one more hire.

Answer 2: Health Services Manager Norm Goodenough - We will be fully staffed by the end of the Month.

Comments/Closing

Portia- State wide representative announcement: I will be sending over questions for the State Meeting, so if you have any questions send them to me and I will do my best to forward them and get some answers.