

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: WCC

Date and Time: 7/16/2020, 1:00AM

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
Jenn Bullard – Community Partnership Program Coordinator
Casey Carlson – Health Services Manager
LaQuesha Turner – Ombuds
Portia Linear- Statewide Rep
Kaishanna Saunders- Family Secretary
Kristina Olson
Jasmine Bernardez
Candace Krueger
Jacki Racus
Amy Grubaugh
Wendy Schindler
Kayla Shepard

Weekly Update

- 4 ISO 3 Quarantine
- RCF not open. No plans for anytime soon.
- Still in step 1 on Safe Start corrections.
- Weekly Tier rep meetings still occurring
- Needing a co-chair still
- Mandatory furloughs tomorrow
- New business- 2 new memos for II 1. Use of Masks. We have been allowing inmates to decorate their mask as long as it complies with policy (no offensive, violent, gang related). Memo 2- type of sanitizer that needed to be pulled. (Methanol) We here do not have that.
- Still experiencing mask fatigue, getting push back. Staff are included in this.
- News that JPay has fixed the issue with downloading e books
- Dean Mason added- Started the day with 28 floor sleepers, will be adding approx. 30 to that by the end of the day so could be 50-60.

Pre-Submitted Questions

No pre-submitted questions

Question 1

Racus-Mask fatigue, maybe one reason is two COs refuse to wear in Cedar. Inmates are getting rubbed the wrong way.

Answer 1: Correctional Program Manager Justin Schlager- Do you have names? Please email this to me.

Answer 2: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason- We will check on it.

Question 2

Kruger- the bandanas that the guys decorated- can they send those home?

Answer 1: Correctional Program Manager Justin Schlagle- They need to keep them here so they can wear them.

Answer 2: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason - They have multiple masks to be able to wash them.

Question 3

Kruger- The elliptical in the gym, it's been pushed aside and they were told they could not use it. Can they use that?

Answer: Correctional Program Manager Justin Schlagle- I will check into that.

Question 4

Linear –State meeting invitation got sent out? Did everyone get it?

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason- Yes.

Question 5

Turner- How often are masks getting replaced?

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason-We issue masks in several different ways.

CI makes them here and everyone gets 2. They are issued in receiving. We swap out masks 1 for 1 if needed for wear and tear. We have a mask making operation here in Sustainable Practices Lab that employed up to 20 at one point. They received 1 from there and those that are here long term, like Evergreen get 2 additional masks.

Question 6

Turner - Are you doing religious or educational programs?

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason – Yes, we are slowly bringing it back. We have created space in G bldg. We also started up the Construction Trades again. We have half working inside and half working outside and they switch. Religious Programming for Cedar, Evergreen and G & H Tiers, has been moved to Staff dining. The Religious Program Co-coordinator walks the Reception Units to deliver religious material.

Question 7

Turner – Floor Sleepers, are they on Mats? Can they be moved to RCF?

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason – RCF only has 19 beds. They get mats, bedding and pillows just like those in a bunk.

Question 8

Olsen – is WCC still in phase 1?

Answer: Correctional Program Manger Justin Schlagle - Yes.

Question 9

Kayla- Mattresses – Is there measurement or standard of how long the mattresses are required to be and when do they get replaced?

Answer: Associate Superintendent Dean Mason- There is not a standard- They are made by CI and they are making a better quality now and we are in the process of swapping them out by unit by tier. This is a very expensive process for the facility.