



# FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Washington Correction Center (WCC)/Teleconference Date: Saturday October 09, 2021  
 Time: 10:00 am

Teleconference details: Microsoft TEAMS 1-253-372-2181 Conf. ID#432-946-336

<b>Meeting Attendees</b>
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Department/facility co-chair: Melinda Kupers- CPM Family co-chair: Vacant

Facility/council secretary: Vacant Family secretary, if applicable: Vacant

Members present: Wendy Schindler, Emijah Smith, Felix D'Albesandro, Carol Welch, Helen Russell, Jay Jackson, Alfred Smack, Dan White, Jenn Bullard, Jennifer Allmendinger, Justin Schlagel, Monica Ritter, Courtney Robbins in for Melinda Kupers,

Non-council member attendees: None

<b>Agenda</b>
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Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
None		

New business

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COVID Numbers	WCC is trending in the right direction and we are off outbreak status. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 active cases in our RCDF unity.</li> <li>• 280 on quarantine in R5 and R6.</li> <li>• 1094 confirmed cases</li> <li>• Zero deaths.</li> </ul>	
WCC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are opening up the gyms and they will be opening up this weekend.</li> <li>• Visiting resumes on the 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• EFV's start this week.</li> </ul>	
Pre-Submitted Questions:  1. What is the issue with us bringing in rated R movies if they are factory sealed? We are adults, not children. There aren't many good PG-13 movies to watch as an adult. I understand that in the past people have taken advantage, however if the movies are factory sealed what is the big issue?	Answer: Per the EFV policy only CD's and DVD's will be allowed if donated to the facility for EFV use in advance of the visit. Per the Donations Policy (210-060) all donated material must be rated Early, Childhood, Everyone, G, Everyone 10+, Teen, PG, PG-13, or equivalent. Unrated items will not be allowed. R rated movies are not one of the approved ratings.	

2. What is the issue with us bringing in explicit music (CD's) if they are factory sealed?	See above answer.	
3. Why is there a limit on the amount of clothes and under clothes we bring in? Some people live differently on the outside of prison. For example, A person may take multiple showers a day and change their clothes/under clothes each time.	The amounts of clothing are determined at a statewide level for the average person's needs for a two day period. It is understood different people may have different needs. Due to the requirement to search and transport all items going in and out of the EFV's, some limitations must be imposed.	
4. Is the decision to change the matrix the facilities decision or HQ?	Policy changes are a statewide HQ decision, so it is the same for all facilities.	
5. Why is there a list for the amount of food we bring in?	According the Extended Family Visit Allowable Items attachment, there is no stipulation on amounts of food.	
6. We are supposed to get 48 hours for EFV's but we're only getting 44 if not less depending on what days families go in. We pay for 48 hours not 44. Other facilities give their families the full 48. Is there a reason why WCC can adjust the check in or check out time to make sure it is the same all across the board?	The charge for EFV's is \$15.00 per night for each EFV. It does not say in policy how many hours. We try to give as much time as possible and still allow our Visit staff to run the other aspects of visitation.	
EFV Rules	We do not make our own rules regarding EFV's. This can be addressed at the Statewide Family Council meeting. We can look into our visiting process and meet in the middle.	
State Vaccination Mandate	We are 9 days away from the October 18 <sup>th</sup> deadline for employees to be vaccinated. We are trending really well with 90% completed and we have a process in place for contractors as well. We are doing everything we can do to keep your loved ones safe.	
New Questions:  1. I want to confirm that basketball is only allowed outside?	Only allowed outside. The equipment that was taken away should be available now. If your loved one doesn't see it, they can contact the yard staff.	

2.What is the weight deck like?	The weight deck is located in the TC gym. We have cardio equipment located in the yard.	CPM Schlagel will check to find out more information on the weight deck.
3.What is the status on the Law and State Libraries?	The Law Library should be up and running next week. The State Library should also be up and running next week.	
Lead and Copper Water Tests	WCC is below the threshold for lead and copper in our water. We have some of the best tasting water.	The results are available on the DOH website if needed.

Next meeting location: N/A Date: Saturday December 11,, 2021 Time: 10:00am

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