

Local Family Council COVID 19 Teleconference Notes

Washington Correction Center for Women

May 22, 2020

Facilitator: Jo Wofford, Superintendent

Attendance:

Family Representatives:

WCCW Representatives: Superintendent Jo Wofford, CPPC, Associates Swain and Chandler, CPM Vaaia Gaines, Health Services Manager 1 Kate Morisette, Family Services-HQ Caroline Melhuish, Captain Rodney Nordbye, OCO Caitlyn Robinson

Purpose – to get information related to the COVID 19 outbreak out to the families to help them understand the steps being taken by DOC to keep the Incarcerated Individuals safe and healthy.

Testing – We are happy to still report that we have had 0 testing positive for COVID for staff and incarcerated and our ISO numbers are continuing to go down.

Social Distancing – Social Distancing is still being encouraged, reminded and enforced. Our numbers are down because of this. Kudos to everyone!

Activities – Religious activities are taking place for each unit a pod at a time, Friday through Sunday using contracted service providers; and no volunteers. Incarcerated Individuals are also working in various capacities.

Screenings – No visitors or volunteers are being allowed to come in. We are maintaining social distancing and everyone (staff and incarcerated individuals) are wearing masks appropriately. Only essential staff are being allowed in after passing a screening process. This has helped us maintain a healthy population.

Population Concerns - Management have been making daily rounds to listen to the incarcerated individual's concerns as well as meet with the Tier Reps weekly.

Questions from Council Members

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
DATA	760 Population 8 Yakima County Jail 0 Covid19 positive staff or incarcerated individuals 5 incarcerated individuals in isolation 6 incarcerated individuals on quarantine 3 RPP babies – 1 federal, 2 state 6 pregnant women, all custody levels
FACILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The fence project is still underway due to the delay with our current state of emergency-undetermined date at this time.• Plexiglas barriers have been created by Correctional Industries to use between the

	Incarcerated Individual phones, this has allowed us to open more phones up for use.
PROGRAMMING:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCC has issued laptop to women who are enrolled in web development. Issuing laptops for those enrolled in other classes is also being looked at. Summer quarter will begin on July 9th. The classes will be a hybrid of what they once were – 2 days in the classroom with 9 students to maintain social distancing. • FEPPS has been issuing paper study material, there is discussion with Superintendent Wofford and FEPPS about MP3 players for English lessons. • SPP and Horticulture have been actively working around the facility to expand our gardens.
RECOVERY/RE-OPEN:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be cautious moving towards a new normal – we want to ensure everyone remains healthy.

CONCLUSION:

In closing, thank you for being there for your loved ones. We will meet again next Friday, May 29th at noon, you can send questions to Babs Roberts prior to the meeting. As always, please feel free to contact Jo with any questions/concerns.