

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Washington Corrections Center for Women

Date and Time: 6/19/2020, 12:00PM

Attendees

- Jason Rice, Cindy Robinson, Susan Sherman, Janet Moriarty
- Jo Wofford, Paula Chandler, Bill Swain, Rodney Nordbye, Vaaia Gaines, Melissa Johnson

Weekly Update

- Current facility numbers, including pregnant women and babies is 774, 5 pregnant and 2 babies.
- Transfers come in on a regular basis and we are keeping them in their ISO/quarantine area for 14 days.
- Incarcerated individuals are still releasing on their release dates.
- There are currently 8 in quarantine and 4 in ISO.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

Any updates on medical issues in the facility – COVID or otherwise? Are there any changes in medical/mental health delivery?

Answer

There are no changes, no COVID cases and no change in delivery.

Question 2

Please can you explain the phases regarding the phased re-opening as stated by Secretary Sinclair and how WCCW will implement this?

Answer

We are still in phase 1 and developing plans. You can find information about “safe start” corrections at <http://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/safestart.htm>

Question 3

We remain concerned about the plan to shift to solely using Union Supply for craft supplies. Respectfully, this is a vendor that has not been very responsive nor who has provided quality products or good customer service. Please provide some clarity on the reasoning for this decision, who was involved in the evaluation of this change, and what is hoped to be gained by it?

Answer

This is a statewide issue, therefore we will not be addressing this at this time and is tabled.

Additional Questions

Question 1

Are attorney’s being allowed in-person visits as needed or necessary to ensure appropriate legal recourse for women?

Answer

Should an attorney visit need to take place, WCCW currently uses the no contact attorney booth for all attorney visits.

Question 2

Have you been able to follow up with JPay regarding expanding video visits to 7 days per week?

Answer

Yes, this should be expanded with a start date of July 1, 2020.

Comments/Closing

- Next meeting will take place June 26, 2020 at 12noon.