

FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: WCCW Microsoft Teams Date: 12/16/24 Time: 1630

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MEETING ATTENDEES

Charlotte Headley Department/facility co-chair Jason Rice Family co-chair

Melissa Johnson Facility/council secretary Dina Johnson Family secretary, if applicable

Members present: CPM Alley, Capt. Rio, LBA Ineman, Supt. Headley, FM Holter, ASP Figueira, Janet Moriarty, Greg Mansfield, Jason Rice, Paul Gillespie, AA2 Chavira, AA4 Jones, Sgt. Haynes, Candice Baughman

Non-council member attendees: Ladarion Roberts and Jackie Bence

AGENDA

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
<p>MSU Update CPM Sonja Alley</p>	<p>Accountability and Collaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback gathered during a November 22 meeting highlighted the need for accountability at multiple levels—residents holding each other accountable, staff accountability, and improved neighborly relations. • A “Homeowners Association” (HOA) model was introduced to encourage a sense of ownership and pride among residents. <p>Environmental Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions included adding functional amenities like hooks for personal items, a full-length bathroom mirror, and chalkboards for rooms. • Paint colors and other aesthetic upgrades were proposed through a “lookbook” for residents to visualize the improvements. • Maintenance issues, such as repair needs and furniture adjustments, were addressed with the facilities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a walkthrough of the MSU within the next week to identify areas for improvement, with participation from Holter, CUS Swain, and other stakeholders. 2. CPM will schedule regular monthly HOA meetings, inviting staff and residents for collaborative decision-making. 3. Continue to implement and assess maintenance and improvement projects as planned.

	<p>manager, Holter, during the meeting.</p> <p>Engagement Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly HOA meetings were proposed to foster consistent communication between residents and staff. • Residents will have opportunities to participate in improvement projects, such as painting rooms and reorganizing furniture, empowering them to be part of the changes. • Recreational investments were made, including \$300 worth of games for pods. 	
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New business

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<p>Tier Rep Time 10 Minutes Ladaron Roberts & Jackie Bence</p>	<p>Video Visitation Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues with Securus video visitation policies were raised. Currently, only one video visit per week is allowed, regardless of whether the visit is free or paid. • Technical difficulties during these visits have resulted in lost family time, particularly during holidays. <p>Incentive Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback was shared about recent incentivized fundraisers, including items from Bath & Body Works. • Requests were made for similar fundraisers in the future, particularly for hygiene items and other commissary needs. <p>Re-Entry Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposal was introduced to create re-entry classes for women who have been incarcerated for extended periods, helping them adapt 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facility leadership to investigate Securus video visitation limitations and advocate for increased access, especially during holidays. 2. Develop a detailed proposal for re-entry classes and present it to facility management for approval. 3. Plan additional hygiene-related fundraisers, exploring options with approved vendors.

	to modern technology and societal changes.	
LFC Ballot for Statewide FC Rep. 15 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No nominations were received for the statewide representative role. The team proposed Greg as a dual representative, contingent on an exception to policy from the superintendent or higher authorities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Superintendent to Submit a formal exception request for Greg's dual-role consideration. Provide an update on approval status during the next meeting.
IIBF Linda Ineman 15 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	October and November Budget Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant expenditures included gym equipment, recreational games, holiday decorations, and incentives for community activities. Notable acquisitions included a large grill for events, gaming systems, and tables for communal areas. Holiday spending included toys and festive décor to enhance the family visitation experience. DirectTV transition expenses were clarified, with the move to Dish Network improving service options and cost efficiency. \$86,000 remains available for use, with ongoing discussions about maximizing these funds for facility and resident benefits. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize spending plans for remaining funds. Explore opportunities for additional funding requests, particularly for visitation and outdoor area upgrades.
Visitation Updates Captain Rio 15 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the significant delays in visitation caused by cease movements and explore potential solutions, such as alternative escort protocols, to minimize the impact on visiting schedules. 	Key Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delays during evening visitation due to the 4:00 p.m. count were identified as a significant issue. Visitors often wait uncomfortably in public access areas while awaiting count clearance. Accessibility issues for elderly and disabled visitors were also discussed. 	

	<p>Proposed Solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors will now be escorted to the visitation room in groups starting at 4:30 p.m. to reduce wait times. • Staff will explore accommodations for elderly or disabled visitors, including the use of wheelchairs and staff assistance during searches. 	
<p>WPD Plans Update for Upcoming Year.</p>	<p>Tabled to February Meeting</p>	

Roundtable open discussion

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Comments: New meeting occurrence will be sent in January.

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