

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: WSP

Date and Time: 7/14/2020, 1:00PM

Attendees

- Associate Supt Steve Barker, Associate Supt. Rob Jackson, AA3 Carrie Meyer, Co-Chair Anna Ivanov, Secretary Susan Wade, Bill Copeland, Caitlynn Robertson OCO, Susan Wade, Wendy Dubinsky, Dean Dubinsky , Tina Wright

Weekly Update

- Topic

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

Please provide the most up-to-date stats:

of men in quarantine? Unit-6 265, Unit-10 210, for a total of 475. There is currently mapping of the unit-10 issue going on. There is a chance that they will return to normal soon because of the Incarcerated person's reclusive nature and he was in a single cell.

This is due to a couple of individuals reporting symptoms. Both units are on lock down and quarantining in the units.

of men in isolation? 4

of men tested 193 and a total of Two positives with 3 tests pending.

of staff screened out at this time? 52

of staff tested positive? 3

Additional Questions

Question 1

At other facilities, officers are rotating to different units. Is that happening at WSP?

Answer

We continue to screen and map out. Due to the cautions. Most of the officers are 5 days a week staff. When we have to have others in the unit, they have a strict protocol.

Question 2

Is there anyone in IMUN on Quarantine or Isolation?

Answer

No. They are located in Echo

Question 3

Is there still travel going on between facilities?

Answer

Yes. But only those that have been tested twice and quarantined.

Question 4

What is the soap situation there? They don't love the smell of the soap. Are you hearing this from other facilities too?

Answer

We get a regular shipment at WSP. They are complaining about the soap being Aloe Vera soap. There has not been a shortage of liquid soap. CI is aware of this.

Question 5

475 are on quarantine. How long will this last? Do you think the Incarcerated will cooperate with this?

Answer

They are in quarantine until we get the results back. We are doing the cross checking the mapping. Some of them could come off quarantine today. (Unit 10 is off quarantine as of 4PM on 07/14/20)

Question 6

Is the WHOLE unit on quarantine or just the wing or the cell? When you talk about outside guys coming in, are they being isolated as well? What about those coming from another facility?

Answer

The WHOLE unit is on quarantine. They do not mix with the other Incarcerated individuals in unit 10. They yard together, they do not get put out in population. They are also being kept from population.

Question 7

Positive staff member has been out, they were on AL. When did they get tested positive?

Answer

He was in IMU and we have mapped out the staff who have had contact with him, he was on vacation when he was tested and received his results.

Question 8

What is Bill Copeland and Family Services working on right now?

Answer

We have been working on the COVID stuff and also hotel vouchers. We will be presenting some information over the weekend at our meeting. The facilities have been working very hard to move II around to avoid the COVID

Question 9

We just received a question from the OCLs through the Unit Managers. They would like to know if they are able to add other family members to the LFC information calls.

Answer

They no longer have to apply to be involved in the meetings. They still need to fill out the form so that we can obtain information from them, verify their info and add them to the list.

Question 10

Any response on the laundry request from Sgt. Beal?

Answer

Kaitlyn: yes, we are working on this but I would rather not give a response until next week. I would like to confirm some information.

Comments/Closing

Anna: If family members would like to be added to the list for LFC meetings, please have them contact Bill Copeland or Head Quarters.

We have been advised by DOC to please monitor and not advertise certain things on the FB page because of some of the outside feedback.

Anna: I would be shocked if our group would double, people are working or busy and not able to attend but it would be nice to offer this to them.

Steve: We don't want to open this up to a group that we do not know about. In the past reporters have logged in and began sending stories and quoting us. Maybe we can redirect them to the minutes instead.

Steve: Penitentiary Improvement Program:

The previous proposal was sent in and reviewed. It was very self-serving so we were not in favor at that time.

Steve: We used to have a "Coke Shack" This wasn't regulated very well.

There was an issue with others scamming the system so we are trying to regulate these types of programs so that others are not taken advantage of.

Anna: I just don't understand why this can't be revisited?

Steve: I have discussed the issue with Associate Jackson (it is his area making the proposal) and he is not opposed to the idea but wants to review it. (The proposal was sent to Mr. Jackson)

Steve and Carrie: Due to staffing, we are unable to accommodate fundraisers or extra events. We will reach out to staff and different chains and units to get more information on the positive things going on and not focus so much on just the negative. We just lost a staff member, (Rob Branscum) who was in charge of doing movie night and game nights. We have not received the approval to hire for this position yet. The movie program had just started about a month before this all started. Popcorn was taken out to the units the other day.

JPay update:

HQ is ready to go out with pricing requirements. This is going to be a huge breaking point. We are meeting frequently to discuss upcoming decisions. Cap on rates, fees and items like that. We are watching regulations. Site survey. Technology request.