

FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Washington State Penitentiary	on: <u>Washington State Penitentiary</u> Date: <u>6/1/2024</u> Time: <u>8:30-10:00</u>			
Teleconference details: MS Teams Meeting – Local Fa	mily Council			
/Meeting Attendees				
Department/facility co-chair: Brad Bowman	Family co-chair: Lisa	a Mundahl		
Facility/council secretary: Theresa Vanderbeck	_ Family secretary:			
Members present: <u>Lisa Mundahl Green, Andrea Shot</u> Star White, Susan Puzzo	well, Samantha Williams	son, Carrie Montoya,		
Non-council member attendees: Robert Jackson, Superintendent; CPM Lynn Clark; CPM Alfredo Lomeli; CUS Rod Shumate; Visiting Unit Sergeant Chase Harvey, Theresa Vanderbeck, CPPC; Jordan Kisling CRT, Scribe				
Agenda				

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Welcome &	Introduction of all those in attendance.	
Introduction	Agenda Management: Supt. Robert Jackson	
(Supt. Jackson)	Timekeeper:	
CPPC Report Action item	Theresa Vanderbeck: • Budget- an update can be sent out upon request. HQ is working on the year 24-25 IIBF budget that pertains to the CPP at this time. • Upcoming Family Friendly Events 6/1/24 D&E Special Adult Day 10/19/24 D&E Fall Party Will have an event around Christmas time but still needs to firm up dates for that event. • Volunteers • March: • 79 Volunteers came in and gave 490.6 hours of time. • Non-religious services Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and cultural events 174.07 hours • Religious Services: 316.53 hours • April:	

	 82 Volunteers came in and gave 663.28 hours of time. Non-religious services: Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Cultural events 347.65 hours Religious Services: 315.63 hours 15 New volunteers completed orientation. Continuously working on recruiting more volunteers to get programs fully running. Hoping to have at least 12 new volunteers for the next orientation session on June 6, 2024. 	
Statewide Family Council Updates	 SFC meeting May 18, 2024 Meeting minutes will be available soon. Family Council Washington State Department of Corrections Above included link has information about Family Councils, Local and Statewide. 	
Visiting Update	 Sgt. Harvey Sgt Harvey is back in the visiting room after being gone for the last couple months covering a Unit Supervisor position in the close custody units. New style of vending is up and running. They have made sure that they have things other than soda like milk and juice. Looking forward to the event in the visiting room today. They have more events coming up. They hold events both in visiting and in some cases in the yards inside the facility. This helps with spacing but also allows in those cases visitors and family members to come inside the facility and demystify the inner areas of the facility. Numbers for visiting are coming back with higher numbers so far this year, finally recovering from the dip that Covid restrictions cause. Carrie – had a question about getting the visiting calendar more evenly distributed after Golf unit was brought back online. Harvey – Sgt. Harvey retained control of the visiting schedule while he was in his non-perm spot. They didn't think that changing how he was in control of it for such a short time frame was a good idea. Before Golf Unit reopened the rotation was Delta/Echo, Victor/William, Fox, then BAR (Baker, 	

- Adams, Rainier). When Golf reopened they put Golf in with Fox unit (they are in the same quad so can share callouts). The rotation is now Delta/Echo, Victor/William, Fox/Golf, then BAR.
- The weekend runs the opposite. Do to this fact there are some units that end up with three visiting days.
- They do have a meeting set in November to set the visiting schedule for next year. They will see if there is a better way to even things out at that time.
- It is harder to make sudden large changes to the schedule in the middle of the year when it has been posted with dates through the end of the year. This is because we do have families that plan in advance to come from as far away as New York and some that even come internationally.
- This means that even a small change in the schedule now can completely change things at the end of the year.

Lisa- At a previous Local Family Council meeting we discussed having Family council information into the visiting room.

- Lisa came for a visiting a couple weeks ago and there were still no family council flyers available in the visiting room.
- She spoke with a staff member who at the time also wasn't able to locate one.
- We had also talked about getting the meeting minutes for the local family council added to the incarcerated's tablets.
- They are posted in the visiting room but this doesn't do the incarnated much good as they are not able to move around to read them in the visiting room.

Harvey –

- they were not able to get the meeting minutes on the tablets for the incarcerated, but the minutes are sent out to the Unit Supervisors to be posted on the bulletin boards in the units.
- The visiting room does have an envelope where they flyers are supposed to be placed and he has one specific employee who knows where they are about stocking them, but if she was out that day, they may not have been stocked.
- Sgt Harvey will try and figure out a way to make sure others know about restocking them and where they go.

- When he is in visiting today, he will try and get one put up on the windows in the public access area so that it's easier to see on the way in.
- The current flyer is two sided with the LFC information on one side and the visitation voucher program on the other.

Lisa – Wondering about information on the walls in the visiting room and maybe displaying art from the incarcerated individuals as a way to increase the aesthetic of the room.

Harvey-

- Visiting recently received two new paintings from the Sustainable Practices Lab that have been put up in the visiting room.
- They are going to be reorganizing and redecorating in the visiting room in the next couple months so they didn't want to double work. Moving things and painting and then buying things and then having to repaint areas that are covered would take more work.

Andrea – Joined Family council due to a flyer she say in the visiting room. The contact information on it was old so it took her a bit to get involved due to the information being different now.

Theresa-

- Has previously sent an email to headquarters requesting changes be made to the flyer.
- She will send an email to get an update on the requested changes to the family council flyer information.
- Dawn Taylor was contacted and she advised that the brochure is still being prepared at this time and that it should be available soon.

Sgt Harvey-

Family doesn't need to wait for the family council meeting to ask questions or resolve issues. They are more than welcome to reach out to Sgt. Harvey at any time and he will try and answer the question or resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

Transportation/ Lodging Assistance Program Update

LFC Member Alice Ralston asked the following:

My last topic of inquiry was about the travel voucher

available to families travelling more than 300 miles. I

submitted a receipt for \$50 in gas for my February 25th visit,
but I have not received the voucher yet. Families might be

New business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Individual Incarcerated Persons Concerns		
Food Services	Update on new menu changes- Discuss trial 5-day cold lunch program. See the accompanying 5/13/24 email below from Philip Marker. Phillip Marker and Brad Moller were not able to make it to the meeting but an email about the 5 day cold lunch period was sent to Superintendent Jackson From Phillip Marker, CI Manager 3 The food services team here at WSP has been working hard on finding alternative ways to provide rotation and new products into the weekly meal rotations. Recently WSP Food Service has been made aware of a 5-day cold lunch menu that could help provide more stability to the operations as well as a new line of products for lunch meals. The Food Service Team has held numerous consultations with most of the living units that are fed out of the WC Hub kitchen. With the allowance of the facility executive team, the Superintendent, along with the efforts made with the Statewide Food Service team, WSP Food Services will be moving in a new 5-day cold lunch program that provides a new variety of proteins and fresh vegetable options beginning on May 19, 2024. This is expected to be a Trial service meal plan based for 90 days to collect feedback from the population here at WSP, for the West and South complex living units only that are	

feed out of the WC Hub Kitchen.

In this trial period we expect to see many changes to cold lunches Mon-Fri each week along with changes to products that are already served. New menus will be directed to the Unit Sgt's and Unit Managers for distribution. The incarcerated population have received a very similar response via kiosk as well.

Superintendent Jackson talked to CI Manager Marker yesterday, feedback so far has been good, there were some issues with the bread and they are working with the distributor to fix the issue. The bread seems to be pulling apart, they are working on getting a new recipe to increase the hardiness of the bread.

If there are any questions, please feel free to get a hold of Phillip Marker or Brad Moller

This program started because they were having issues getting workers in the hub kitchen and this new process helps and offers a more diverse lunch option.

CPM Clark - down in the units in SC (Victor/William), he discussed with the incarcerated what they thought. They had things like egg salad sandwiches one day or a corned/roast beef sandwich. They are happy to see the changes and are looking forward to seeing how it goes.

The units and CI are working hard together to continue to get workers into the kitchen and making sure that food runs smoothly.

Lisa – Are they sack lunches that are given during these meals.

CPM Clark -

- They are not sack lunches or boats.
- The incarcerated goes to a window and they are given a tray. Then like a lunch/cafeteria line, they move down and are given the fixing for the sandwiches (minus condiments which are given out separately, and then they are given usually some type of fruit or vegetable as well.
- WSP still is required to stay within the guidelines of how many hot and cold meals the incarcerated are

receiving, they are hoping to continue with the cold lunch program after the trial period is up.

It started as a shortage with kitchen workers in the closed custody areas of Delta and Echo and the opening the license plate shop in the medium unit may cause further shortages as some may wish to work there instead of the kitchen.

CPM Clark -

- The CI kitchen staff went around to the units and spoke with the OCLs in the units and talked with them about what they were wanting to do and what it would look like.
- The feedback from the incarcerated to the OCL's was that they were looking forward to it, due to the fact they hadn't had a change to the menu in a long while, they also have an amount of change in the variety of options.

Lisa – Is Golf fully occupied at this point?
There were several lockdowns is everything smoothed out now?

CPM Clark -

- All units in the West complex are currently running normally. Golf is still in the transition phase and is about half full. They are looking at about 120 days to get it fully up to transition speed and we are somewhere between 45-60 days in.
- Quad 1 (Delta/Echo) and Quad 2 (Fox/Golf), recently held their Hispanic cultural events.
- On June 6th, Delta, Echo, and Fox will be meeting and having a discussion with headquarters who are coming in to talk about cultural events and how they affect the morale of the incarcerated. They will also be speaking to staff about this.
- The Earned incentive program in Delta, Echo, and Fox unit are still up and running. fox unit incarcerated still decline to participate in this program.
- Recently an Amend proposal in West complex was submitted by the incarcerated population about the weight pile and allowing more access to the area when it is not in use. They have been working toward this with staff and it seems to be going well so far.
- The closed custody Barber shop is back up and running in the west complex as well.

Questions for areas SC/EC/BAR

 Delta/echo is currently dealing with food worker shortage.

Victor/William held their Hispanic cultural event recently as well.

Lots of programs running in those units. Just held a
graduation for a 36-week prison fellowship program.
Started with 40 students, graduated about 20, the
change in amount of students is due to drop outs,
facility moves and those that just didn't feel they
wanted to continue with the program.

Victor Unit -

 has a yoga program, art program (murals), dog program, HVAC study hall, manga (sharing club for books and table top games) and self help programs. They have programs like resolution peer assistance.

William Unit -

 has a wellness program, dog program, bible study program, scholar gate (the CUS and unit Sgt) have collected books that are outside the scope of what WWCC would have for classes. They offer them for those that wish to study them.

Victor/William -

 Freedom reads – 10 books a month from the group Freedom Reads, information (discussion materials) comes along with the books, and they can get together in a group and talk about the books or debate on the subject material.

SPL-

- Is still employing a large group of the incarcerated, the license plate factory will be opening in the SPL area soon, adding more jobs for those in the medium living unit area.
- Washington way helped with the medium units buying more plants to spruce up the greenhouse area.
- In the Medium unit big yards with the help of the BAR unit incarcerated have painted some murals on the side of the gym and other buildings. They are large and able to be seen from quite far.

Star – wondering if there is some way that she can figure out which unit has which programs? Wondering if they are any sort of testing to see about where they may have a better chance of succeeding.

Supt Jackson/CPM Clark -

- For the first question reaching out to Theresa would be the best way to get the answer. She can forward the specific question to the areas in which your loved one is located to get a more definitive answer.
- The best way to figure out about education is for the incarcerated individual to reach out to an education navigator from WWCC. They can help figure out what path the incarcerated may want to take.
- To get ahold of a navigator, they can send a kiosk to the WWCC navigator, they can send a message that way or they can send a kite which is a paper version and just put it as attention WWCC education navigator and it will get to them and they can answer any questions that come up.

CUS Shumate --

- In EC, they had Hispanic cultural event last months, family members did attend, last year they only had one person, so it was nice to see more people this year. They have one coming up next month as well.
- The two Unit Managers in the area work together to work with the events taking place. EC has an Asian Pacific Islander event coming up in August that they are working on.
- They have the Ice cream bucket, it is a monthly, ice cream, pot pies, frozen pizzas. They are working on revamping the menu due to the store's prices increasing.
- Fundraiser last quarter with Albertsons. It went really well and they are looking at doing another one next quarter, they are talking about pizza.
- The money raised from the last fundraiser in East Complex was donated to the Blue Mountain Humane society. Since we do have the dog program in the facility the incarcerated like to give back to the Humane Society when they can.
- East complex is in the process of trying to do some beautification. They are going to do some hanging baskets; they went over to the greenhouse and planted some starts and got the baskets going, once they are ready they will be hung with the assistance of engineers.
- A Unit 8 counselor is working with incarcerated on getting some more murals going on the walls in units.
- They have a painting program, they have had it for many years and they hang up the artwork where they

- can and now that other areas are starting up their own programs they often come to the director of the East Complex program for help and questions.
- Last month an outside comedian came from California and volunteered his time, he came in and put on a show in the East Complex. It was a good show and the incarcerated (some 70 men) were able to participate in the event.

Lisa – Was the event with the outside comedian unit specific?

Supt Jackson -

 Both units (6 & 8) were able to participate, the event was held in the gym that is located in the East Complex.

Cultural events are planned almost completely by the incarcerated.

- With the Hispanic program they did some talks, prayers, they also performed a dance that they had practiced. Artwork was displayed and pictures were taken with family members in front of the artwork.
- The African cultural event will have a teacher who is going to come and do a presentation that's about 45 minutes long, about their history and culture and then an open forum to discuss the topic.
- There is also a menu that the kitchen also does for the cultural events that is provided at no cost to those attending the event. The incarnated plan the meal for the event.

Susan- Has a son in unit 6, he hasn't been able to attend any Catholic services in the time he has been in Unit 6, he does attend Protestant services. Wondering why he can't attend the Catholic services in medium units.

Supt Jackson -

Due to security issues, we are not able to have minimum custody incarcerated going into the medium custody areas to attend their services.

Theresa –

Theresa is working with Chaplain Ivey to see if there is anything they can do to try and get something going for the Catholic services in the East Complex or maybe getting one of the Catholic volunteers to come in and do one-on-one

visits with incarcerated in the units.

Lisa – how does outreach work? Could they come in as a visitor in the visiting room.

Theresa

- If the chaplain/priest/etc. is going to come regularly they have to have a background check completed and become a volunteer and take the necessary training courses through Theresa's office.
- Chaplain Ivey is working with the Catholic Father
 O'Leary about finding a time that both of them have
 an opening in their schedules so that they can
 facilitate him coming into the facility.
- In west in the last month or so a WWCC staff member has agreed to be an Islam service leader.

Samantha – Wondering about virtual services for religious services. Is there an area where they could connect virtually with a church that steams online services. She said she had heard one of the units had a small area in the back that had a television.

Supt. Jackson –

 Things are always changing so it's something that might be able to happen at some point.

Lisa – Would it be possible to maybe have Chaplain Ivey or the other Chaplain attend one of the Local Family Council meetings in the future.

Supt. Jackson -

We can ask him about attending.

CPM Lomeli –

- In the BAR they had their Hispanic cultural event, there were many family members. Some of the custody staff were amazed at how it was put together so nicely.
- Adams unit has game consoles in the mods, they are old Nintendo like systems that have around 100 games on them that the incarcerated can play. It started in one mod and then it was so popular that they moved it to all of them.
- Incarcerated Individuals indicated that they are wanting to grow the music program in the area, they

	 about doing this expansion. CUS Suckow in the BAR units is trying to add more items to the Bar Shack where the incarcerated can buy snack items like popcorn and ice cream. Still working on the outside yards for the IMU's they have sent the permits to build them to the city, they are hoping it will get approved soon. They are continuing with the 3 hrs. out at yard a day and hope to continue expanding them. They currently have murals painted in IMU south mods and they are working on IMU North mods having murals painted. The resource team had a competition with the incarcerated individuals in the IMU South program to name the murals. The names picked will be put on plaques and then placed below the murals. The transition pod is still working with the Amend/Washington Way to help the incarcerated in that area. Echo Unit OCL Meeting Minutes - *Echo Unit has been attached in the Action Section due to length of the notes* Unit 6- No April OCL meeting in Unit 6 due to the I/I's not 	
Policies & Units	 having any concerns to bring up and since they had the quarterly OCL meeting in April. The East Complex Hispanic Event was held on May 8, 2024. The African American Cultural Event is June 20, 2024. Chicken fundraiser completed for Unit 8 on April 25, 2024, and Unit 6 on May 2, 2024. The East Complex API Cultural Event will be in late August. Unit 6 – May OCL Meeting Minutes – Hot spot and sink in dayroom – CUS looked and could not find what the OCL were talking about, found the wrong one. OCL suggested to ask CUS from AHCC and CRCC, they have them. CUS will reach out to other facilities and do a search for hot water dispensers. Will run this up the chain of command and speak to the engineers about it. Next quarter fundraiser – would like pizza. Suggested using Pizza Hut. CUS stated we use local Domino's in the past. 	Echo Unit OCL Meeting Minutes.doc Victor OCL Meeting 2024 May.docx

- Will get with CUS in Unit 8 and discuss this further for next quarter.
- Ice cream bucket When will the new prices and order form be available. Will there be new/different items.
- CUS will send out a kiosk to the population in regard to the Ice Cream bucket.
- Peer to Peer class It is run in Unit 8 and the Therapeutic Community (TC) individuals have priority. This is a certified program for employment in the community upon release.
- CUS will speak with TC supervisor about possibly having some individuals in Unit 6 be able to attend this class.

Unit 8 OCL Meeting Minutes –

- Talked about the fund raiser and what went right and what went wrong. They wanted to express their gratitude for the event, the chicken was great!!
- Went over option to add to the Ice cream bucket or rotate items.
- Upcoming culture events and what will be allowed.
- Explained the reasons for 709 infractions and why we are enforcing it.
- They all expressed they like the plants in the unit and the painting that's going on.
- Asked if they could have one night (Sunday) for an AA Meeting in the upper dayroom for an hour. Yes.
- Explained how Overrides work and how we manage them.
- Get me questions that they might have for the quarterly OCL Meeting next week.

Victor Unit OCL Meeting Minutes – *Victor Unit has been attached in the Action Section due to length of the notes*

William Unit OCL Meeting Minutes -

- TV Provider-OCL's were made aware of the email that came out today declaring that the department was going through a change in vendors. All facilities will be serviced by the same provider no later than July 1st.
- Unit Wellness-Discussion revolved around the best time to have wellness in the unit yard. More discussions needed with other stakeholders.
- Music/Art Programs-OCL's were told how individuals can donate to the programs.

Shared Unit Yard-Discussion revolved around both A side and B side being able to share the unit yard. Currently we have a schedule for when each side can use it. More discussions needed with other stakeholders.

 Unit Yard Equipment-Some equipment needs to be replaced. I will be emailing engineers today to begin that process.

From Lisa Mundahl:

We, as family members would like to get a better understanding of how assignments are made to facilities and within facilities. Several people have written to me asking this question, so perhaps this is a good forum to try to begin to understand.

The two largest facilities are on this side of the state so a lot of people get sent to WSP.

CPM Lomeli -

- Bed space is a big piece of where someone is sent.
- Somewhere like the BAR units don't have as many beds and a committee completes a screening of those that are put in that area and must approve them before they are moved to WSP.

The BAR units also house our protective custody population, they are those that can not live in general population due to notoriety due to their names or crimes or those that have dropped out of prison gangs and have verified safety concerns.

 They try to consider family, educational and programming needs as well as other services before making a decision, but sometimes things like medical and mental health services availability will determine where the incarcerated are sent.

Lisa - Is there specific mental health beds at each facility? Are units set up for one specific type of person.

- We do have the BAR units which are for the more severe mental health (acute needs) but we do have a great mental health program across the facility.
- Some facilities have more access to providers of certain services.
- Close custody units are separated by security threat groups mostly, the units for the most part can take on unique things based on those that are living in the

Round Table Action items

units and those that are running the units like the Unit Supervisors.

Andrea –

Her son has complicated medical needs. He was placed at WSP and he has received great care but she is six hours away. She was wondering if there were any other facilities that had similar medical services.

Supt. Jackson

- Monroe has a similar medical and mental health area as does Shelton but they are smaller facilities.
- Somewhere like CBCC that is out in the middle of nowhere is harder for the medical cases that need closer resources as they are farther from hospitals.
- Here in Walla Walla, we only have one hospital but we have a really good cancer facility and dialysis services.

Lisa - Wondering if EFVs are accessible to close custody.

• They are not offered to closed custody at this time, there is a stringent screening process. It is available to parents, siblings, and partners.

Samantha – wondering why it's a year flat for EFV's to visit after being married. Could something be done where with good behavior it could be shorter as an incentive.

Supt. Jackson -

- The one year is a waiting period so that a certain number of visits can be completed before the EFV is opened to possible visits after a wedding.
- This is due to an incident that happened at another facility that caused the program to actually be shut down for several years before it was brought back eventually some 7 years ago.

Next meeting Id	cation:	WSP MS Teams	Date: <u>8/3/24</u>	Time: 8:30-10:00
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two weeks prior to the next LFC meeting.

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