

FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting Date: 06/14/2025 Time: 10:00 AM

Teleconference details: _____

MEETING ATTENDEES

Jeremy Turner, Associate Superintendent
Department/facility co-chair

Mary Mansour
Family co-chair

Alexandra Stevenson, AA3
Facility/council secretary

Megan Chrisman
Family secretary, if applicable

Members present: Jeremy Turner (Associate Superintendent), Alexandra Stevenson (AA3), Mary Mansour, Cynthia June, Cathy Campbell, Amy Jelsma, Miriam Fry, Scarlett Williams, Rondy Alexander, Kristen Sheri

Non-council member attendees: Megan Pirie (Director of Person Centered Services), Tier Representatives: Kennedy, Olivas

AGENDA

Old business

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| Welcome and Announcements | Jeremy Turner welcomed all attendees and introduced Tier Representatives. | |
| Review of last LFC Meeting Minutes | Meeting minutes for April were reviewed. A copy of these meeting minutes has been posted to the website. | Meeting minutes have been posted to the DOC website. |
| Review of Statewide family Council | A copy of these meeting minutes will be posted to the DOC website. | Meeting minutes have been posted to the DOC website. |
| Old Business: Update on Amend, Program Proposals | Amend- We are trying to create a better environment for our staff and Incarcerated Individuals. We have 21 change agent staff and have meetings scheduled for the leadership to train the change agents. We will also be working with some of the different groups around our facility. Programs – Many are actively already engaged in programs. We recently had a Peer Support training at our facility. 30 Incarcerated Individuals have completed the course. | |

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| | Mental Health rooms – This is in process as we are working on getting the infrastructure on site. We have contractors on site who are running wiring and Wi-Fi drops. We have run into some more problems that have added some cost. We are one of the first facilities to get these going. Our goal is to have these running around July or August. | |
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New business

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| Special Guest: Megan Pirie, megan.pirie@doc1.wa.gov | <p>Megan Pirie introduced herself as the Director of Person Centered Services. She discussed some of the discussion around the EFV policy. Megan also discussed the work groups being formed by previously incarcerated individuals. She expressed her willingness to elevate any issues or concerns within her ability.</p> <p>Q: How do you define person centered services within the context of prisons?</p> <p>A: I am looking at things from a more humane way. Being able to address issues as they arise when I can help.</p> <p>Q: What are some of the effective ways families can connect with you to take care of I/Is needs?</p> <p>A: I try and use the ways the department has now. There are ways to comment on the policies through the website. I think the best way is to continue to show up to the family council meetings and elevate concerns. I am willing to always hear of the processes that we feel can be better.</p> <p>Q: Are the I/Is aware of what you do?</p> <p>A: Yes. I visit every single prison and go to events. I am working</p> | Thank you Megan for your attendance! |

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| | <p>on setting up advisory groups. When the Ombuds goes out for meetings, I tend to go with them. I try and participate in cultural events as well as administrative meetings. I do have regular meetings with the Secretaries and am able to elevate those issues.</p> <p>Q: What steps are being taken to help those with long sentences?</p> <p>A: I have a concern for those with long and life sentences. I think we need to have more Peer Support so that they can do some potentially compensated work. I think the opposite of addiction is connection and it can help give people some purpose when they come home.</p> | |
| Tier Representatives | <p>Resolution program peer support – Resolutions are written and go through a fact finding. Level one stays in the resolution office, level two goes to a supervisor, and a level three goes to Olympia. We are working on helping people navigate their prison sentence. We help work on various appeals and gather information. The primary focus is helping other people.</p> <p>Q: Is there someone in each unit?</p> <p>A: No, there are only two of us. We are working on trying to get a class.</p> <p>Q: How do people get ahold of you?</p> <p>A: We have a kiosk, and we attend the orientation. We talk to people from all over the facility.</p> | Thank you, Tier Representatives, for your participation. |
| Facility Tour | Facility tour went well. Toured an EFV, one medium unit, one minimum unit, the dining hall, laundry, textiles, and segregation. Group had a lot of questions and was informative. | |

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| EFV | <p>Allowed items Q: Can our loved ones bring their medication? Also, can we bring Tylenol or Ibuprofen? A: We can not have visitors bring in miscellaneous medication due to not being able to ensure that what they are taking in is what they are taking out. We are still working on that to make it consistent.</p> <p>Rugs- Q: I tripped on a rug and still have some pain in my knee. All units have curled corners on rugs. A: I will talk to maintenance and see if we can get some better rugs or put sticky corners.</p> <p>EFV Schedule – Q: Adding Tuesday back to the schedule. A: Visitation does not like this due to the potential for inconsistencies in the check-out process. However, we will have more conversation around this with Captain Ortiz.</p> <p>Q: There does not seem to be a cancellation policy. All the units were empty on a Saturday. At another facility they would make calls to those who may be close and able to attend. Do we have a cancellation policy and could we make one? A: I have not seen one, but I would be interested to see how Stafford does this. I believe this is something we can do.</p> | <p>Discuss rugs with maintenance or buy new rugs. Look at adding Tuesday to the EFV schedule. Develop a cancellation policy for EFVs.</p> |
| Strip Searches | <p>Q: Someone had their clothes thrown on the ground and had to take off their socks and put their feet on the ground. They are inconsistent in how the strip search is conducted. A: Socks should be taken off to see the bottom of their feet. If I</p> | <p>Follow up on any issues. Look into specific issues and address with more training.</p> |

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| | can get more details, I will look into this. Policy outlines exactly how strip searches should be conducted. | |
| Upcoming Events | <p>Facility alert notice needs to be updated. The African American Heritage event is on June 21st at both MSC and MSU. Facility Alerts have been updated.</p> <p>Q: How many events are family friendly? And how many are for everyone?</p> <p>A: A list of all CRCC events is on the DOC website.</p> | 2025 CRCC Family Events Calendar |

Roundtable open discussion

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| Ombuds release – Use of Force & Restrictive Housing Policy Violations at Washington Corrections Center for Women | Ombuds released a press release of a use of force completed in the women's corrections facility. There is a response in the report from Secretary Tim Lang. We are looking at how people can receive better training. We also have a lot of staff who want to do a good job and care about the population. | https://oco.wa.gov/sites/default/files/OCO%20Report%20%26%20DOC%20Response%20-%20UOF%20%26%20RH%20Policy%20Violations%20at%20WCCW%209JUNE2025.pdf |
| Event Today | <p>This event will be outside in the yard today. The line is long, and it looks like before COVID.</p> <p>There are lots of pop-up tents set up to provide some shade and the weather is very nice. It is also authorized for visitors to wear their hats and sunglasses.</p> | The event was very successful, and we are looking forward to more events. |

Next meeting location: Tour of MSU Date: 08/01/2025 Time: TBD

Comments: Thank you for your attendance. Please email Alexandra Stevenson (arstevenson@doc1.wa.gov) with any questions or future meeting topics

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