FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Virtual - MS Teams Date: 11/15/25 Time: 10am-2:30pm

Teleconference details: MS Teams - Meeting ID: 212 813 247 784

MEETING ATTENDEES

James R. Key, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Department/Facility Co-Chair

Greg Mansfield
Family Co-Chair

Elise McKinnon
Vice-Chair(SFC only)

Brianna Reames, Executive Assistant to James Key
Department/Council Secretary

Sarah Leon
Family Secretary, if applicable

Members present: AHCC- Elleen Hargrove; CCCC-Diane Sifres; CBCC-Nettie Reed; CRCC – Scarlett Williams; MCCCW-Vacant; MCC-Danielle White/Josephine Johnson; OCC – Paloma Valero; SCCC-Daphne Nolte, WCC-Felix D'Allesandro; WCCW- Vacant; WSP-Vacant.
Not present:

Non-council member attendees:

Commonly Used Acronyms

SFC *– Statewide Family Council* ***LFC*** *– Local Family Council* ***FC*** *– Family Council* ***DOC*** *– Department of Corrections* ***OCO*** *– Office of Correctional Ombuds*

Prison Facilities:

AHCC *– Airway Heights Corrections Center*
CBCC *- Clallam Bay Corrections Center*
CCCC *- Cedar Creek Corrections Center*
CRCC *- Coyote Ridge Corrections Center*
MCC *- Monroe Correctional Complex*
MCCCW *- Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women*
OCC *- Olympic Corrections Center*
SCCC *- Stafford Creek Corrections Center*
WCCW *- Washington Corrections Center for Women*
WCC *- Washington Corrections Center*
WSP *- Washington State Penitentiary*

AGENDA

Topic	Discussion/Key Points
Welcome	Introduction of James Key as the SFC Department Co-Chair. Welcome to the Family Councils, DOC staff, the OCO, and everyone who joined today.
Agenda Review, Action Item Review, Election Announcement *Brianna Reames, DOC Co-Secretary*	Agenda reviewed (*Attachment #1*) Action Items:
Facility Updates	**AHCC**: Ellen Hargrove – Elected our local officers Sandra Hickey, Bonnie Dixon, Gwen McIlveen. Tier reps from main and ISU will be attending next meeting. Tier rep concern, fundraisers are held for full facility and not enough food for everyone. Talking about breaking them up into units. Custody level program in the works. Rotating fundraiser. Committee of I/I and staff that review all programs to see if they're feasible. Sage should be complete in November and open in February or march. Graduation was held for I/I and it was really nice. **CBCC:** **CCCC:** **CRCC:** Scarlett Williams – Election results: Mary Mansour – LFC Co-Chair, Megan Chrsman – LFC Co-Secretary, Scarlett Williams – CRCC Statewide Rep. Updates: CR is going to be the first facility to kick off telehealth space. Every unit will have a designated telehealth space where I/I can set up appointments prior to release. Looking forward to winter celebration. Pop ups at visitation are fun. A couple concerns – a couple people didn't get their video visits approved. I/I would send them an invite and then they would just disappear. Waiting for Securus to give them an update. When will Reimagine visits be implemented? We still see officers taking things in the wrong direction. **MCCCW:** **MCC:**

	OCC: **SCCC:** Daphne Nolte: Really excited! Council: Co-Chair Analia Wheeler, Shaunte Homles - Co-Secretary and Tammey Bertrand as Facility State Family Council Rep (SFR). Town hall meeting at Stafford. Superintendent and executive staff held an open house. An announcement was sent out to everyone and anyone who replied was welcome to attend. 60 participants including peer support mentors. There were so many people there that not everyone got to present this time. The response was so favorable and beneficial that Ms. Arnold has said she would like to continue the town hall meetings and perhaps create a working group to expand on these new ideas in support of both the residents and the staff. Trauma talks, coming in early spring. It's beautiful and I highly recommend you take the time to watch some of it and learn what it's about. I'd like to give Kudos to the State Food Service Department; they've done many great things recently. Concerns: Securus – problem with exchanging broken tablets, it takes months and then sometimes the replacements don't even work. Stafford lockdowns are happening all the time and individuals who are classified as STG are being punished even if they have had no gang affiliation for many years, their movement is being restricted, and they can't go to work. Even a model DOC I/I who hasn't had a major infraction in 20 years, who is completely gang, drug and alcohol free and is a mentor to others, is suffering because he was affiliated with a gang as a teen. **WCC:** Felix D'Allesandro – Recently updated officers LFC Felicia Daniel as Co-Chair, Josephine Johnson is Co-Secretary and Felix is the State Rep. So proud of Felicia for our LFC Co-Chair and the SFC Vice-Chair! Positive things – 3 DVD players for visit room. So, couples can watch a movie together while visiting. Outdoor play area has been updated just in time for the rainy weather. EFV schedule changed, and people are taking advantage of the additional 24hrs. Katrina Jackson is new CPPC. Posted on website- vic corner was highlighted but it was the first time I've heard of it, and I've been the rep for 3 years but some things aren't communicated to us. Several continuing issues – visiting issue – scanner, they have anxiety about it. Email from a visitor last week – I lit up all over, I always do. It took 45 minutes to get processed in. Another person wasn't allowed in, she had to do a no contact visit. Another email. I went through and my lower back always lights up and they made me pull up my shirt and then go back through. The wife was wearing clothing with no pockets and she still lit up and got patted down twice and used a hand scanner. She was going to be allowed a no contact visit, but they spoke to a Sgt and were allowed an in-person visit. People keep lighting up for no reason. How much contraband has been found going through public access. It just doesn't make sense. Dental concerns – We haven't had a dental hygienist for quite some time. They can't be seen. Also, a concern about the new vending machines in the visit room. You can no longer get hot coffee or hot tea. We've been promised but have got nothing. Vising has been closed on LFC days, I'd like to see better scheduling. LFC is outside the secure area, we can't necessarily have someone out there. I/I can't attend because a staff member would have to be present. Is there a minimum amount of time that someone should get to visit before they're asked to leave? People are being asked to leave when visitation is full, but they come from a long way away. **Update from Michael Douglas, WCC Associate Superintendent: We submitted a proposal for Coffee services when we upgraded the vending machines. The coffee service was denied by HQ budget office, despite our best efforts to include work arounds and include IIBF funds. As for capacity management for visitation, we have some contingency, but it needs clarity. I'll get some work completed on it and offer it for review before our next LFC meeting.** **WCCW:** **WSP:** Elise: Welcome new council. Would like there to be a 'New to DOC' family packet for new families.
Tim Lang, Secretary **Secretary Time**	I appreciate the SFC officers who are rotating off and coming back on, I greatly appreciate the time you've all put into this. Reimagine visitation project: 67 recommendations reviewed; 48 approved, 14 not approved (largest category of non-approved items related to food), 5 deferred for further analysis. DOC will publish a detailed report with recommendation-level decisions and general implementation timeframes by the end of the month so families can see what will change and when. Key positive outcomes planned: improved communications about visiting rules/closures, visitor reservation system, training for visitation staff, better reimbursement processes for distant visitors, and longer-term goal to specialize visiting posts (customer-service oriented staffing — requires labor participation and will take longer). Food-related recommendations (e.g., hospitality programs, fresh-food sharing) raised regulatory and vendor/contract constraints (e.g., community college contract for food, related vocational

	programs, FDA/regulatory constraints for shared fresh food). Budget context and legislative timing: DOC submitted decision packages in September; governor's budget will be released mid-December after OFM's final revenue forecast. This supplemental budget year is constrained; revenue forecasts show notable shortfalls, and the agency expects limited opportunities for new funding. We're prioritizing core needs and evidence-based programs. Digital mail: DOC is evaluating digital-mail platforms as a contraband-mitigation tool; the agency has requested information from other states and will report findings (benefits, limitations, and operational implications) to families when available. Jason: Securus heard of this issue (video visits) last Saturday and they are working on reissuing their visit vouchers. People are still missing theirs and Jason is following up. Working to refresh Securus before rollout of next tablets. Testing in a jail in NW but we haven't received an update yet. We have a meeting coming up and we'll get you that info as soon as we have it. Wendy Dubinsky – Why is it taking so long to replace the tablets? Can we get info on why that's taking so long. Some people are going without for months. Jason: I've followed up and will continue. If you know someone specifically, email me and we will make sure that it's forwarded to Securus. Daphne Nolte: Replacement tablets being replaced by tablets that are barely working at all. Do you think this is a moot point with the new tablets coming? Jason: No, it's not, the new tablets are a ways out. I've sent an email yesterday asking that question. Felicia Daniel: We've heard a lot of concerns about the music and pictures being lost last time we transitioned over. Have we done our due diligence to make sure that doesn't happen again Jason: We're looking at that and will more as we get closer. From my understanding that won't happen. Felicia: Is there any way for these tablets to see call-outs or see library slots? Jason: There's not because there's a distinguished difference between the personal use for tablets vs. business use. That opens the door for public disclosures, etc. Two different uses. Elise: I'm curious if we're doing test runs of the media transfers? Are we doing practical test runs? Jason: That will be more of a technical issue for the Securus people. What I can share is that we will discuss this with them at the next quarterly meeting. Tim: It's unacceptable to me that we have I/I paying and using these things if they're losing it. We have a contract with Securus, and they should make sure we don't Questions about no hot coffee: Can we get Keurig's? Josephine: They said a coffee maker was going to be purchased with facility funds but we're still waiting. Tim: Preparation for legislative session. Policy and Maintenance. The budget picture is somewhat bleak and getting worse. The last two revue predictions were down. The next forecast comes out next Tuesday. The expectation is there will be another budget shortfall. We're likely to be looking at cuts of some sort. No legislative or budget requests that cost anymore funds. We'll still continue to focus on core needs. One more quick note, I know we've mentioned that we're considering moving towards digital mail. We are continuing to evaluate digital mail. We've requested info from states that are already using digital mail. Contraband is a serious problem, and it has significant negative consequences. We're looking at all options to negate that. Wendy Dubinsky – Comment about contraband. I know that we've talked about people being scanned and I still have a concern about staff. I watch them come in and they're not being checked. It's really concerning. I think you really need to look at your own staff. Tim: I appreciate that and unfortunately it is a fact but there are labor laws etc. that can affect his. Elise: People coming into a relief role and may not have all the training. What are the requirements before someone steps into a role they've never done before. Specifically for visitation. Tim; I would have to have someone else discuss the specifics. Jeri: You're right, when a person is in a post it does take time to get familiar. But every post has post orders that they review. It's different in visitation because it's public facing. Higher level of understanding is needed in those posts. That's why we're looking to have special posts for those positions. Elise: I want to make sure officers are reading them (post orders) and they're very clear in visitation, so people aren't being patted down multiple times etc. Jeri: We are working on this and hopefully things will be improving.

	Felix: Is it possible that we can get statistics on contraband coming in through public access. I asked a year ago and they produced some statistics but not much. How often is it really happening. Tim: Yes, we do have statistics. We can add those to a future meeting. Felicia: We're all looking at each other, and we know where it's coming in. Covid was a great test, drugs were still coming in. Scanner – people are told they have to do no contact visits. Gwen: Enhancements and mandatory minimum sentencing. That time is run first and no good time at the same time. Melody: Contraband – the I/I say how it's coming in. How is that documented? We hear staff are walked off and it's not really documented. Tim: It's documented in the same way our normal staff disciplinary rules are documented. But there are strict rules about that. Elise: There was an email we were supposed to receive asking for missing Securus tablets. Jason: I'll have to go back and look. But if you send me an email with their names, I can forward them. **Update: Please email Jason Bennett if you paid for a loved one's Securus tablet and never received it. He will forward the information to the appropriate Securus contact for follow-up.** jmbennett@doc1.wa.gov Elise: Can Securus post that on their website, so you don't have to do them? Jason: I don't know because we're not the only state that uses Securus so posting something on their website may not work. But I will make sure it was right.
Drug Introduction *Charles Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary – Central Command*	*See Attachment #2* Elise: What are the ways it's coming in, by numbers. Chuck: A lot of time, we don't know how it's getting in. There are many ways it comes in. We found it 26 times in regular mail; I can't even begin to imagine the number of times we've missed it. One facility does find a lot of drugs coming in through the mail. We're trying to have them share their knowledge. Greg: Do a lot of these I/I groups that leave the facility go where they may bring it back in? How about staff who bring in notebooks or anything else that could have drugs? Chuck: A lot of times staff will resign before we're able to investigate, they feel the heat coming. Staff now take lunch on shift, they don't get a break, so they have to bring bags/lunch in. Daphne: The states who currently use digital mail. Do you know how long they've been using it and their success? Chuck: We're interested and just got the list of the states using digital mail and we'll be reaching back out to them to ask them about their success. We'd like the staff that were doing regular mail, watching digital mail. Daphne: Can you give us an update at the next meeting on the info for other states doing digital mail? Chuck: We'll add it to the notes. Elise: Did you reach out to states who are not doing digital mail to see what they're doing to mitigate drugs? Chuck: Drugs aren't just a problem in WA state. I'd be interested to see the difference between the states using digital mail vs not. Every state is trying and doing the best they can. Some states have more funding; some have less and we're all doing the best they can with the funding they have. Jeri: I've sat through many nationwide meetings about drugs. Agencies across the nation are struggling with drugs and one of the main ways states are trying to mitigate this is digital mail. Professionals across the nation are talking about this. Chuck: We didn't see this paper drug issue 20 years ago, but we do today. When bad drugs or over potent drugs come in, the II don't stop using it. We'll see 4 or 5 II have the same bad reaction. Gwen: Clear bags for staff, why isn't that implemented already or why can't it be? What facilities do you think it should be used at? Chuck: WSP proposed the idea, but we have the union that we have to deal with, we have to notify them and there's a process for that. IF I could implement that today, I would. Gwen: How long would it take to get that through the union? Jeri: I know Secretary Lang has agreed to move this forward and is ready to talk to the union if he hasn't already. If they agree with us, it should be fairly quick, if they don't it would take longer. **Update: This is still in process.** Wendy: I thought we were already copying mail. Why don't we just do that?

	Chuck: Some facilities do but then staff have to handle that mail that could have drugs on them. And legal mail has to be opened in front of the II and with staff there still handling it. Felix: I think also the problem is that there are a lot of guys struggling to find a job and then they spend the majority of their time in the dayrooms, with nothing to do. Is there a way to get more jobs, they want jobs. Chuck: Some facilities actually have a shortage of workers. We want them to be programming and working. Loren Taylor: Its recovery, you can't put someone in a cell and expect them to get sober. How can we put the focus on recovery? Chuck: We're trying to make changes to policy to differentiate between using and introducing drugs. We're working on getting treatment into medium security, where in the past they wouldn't have those options. Drugs themselves cause so many problems. **Update: This is a change to WAC 603 and is still in process.** Loren: We're putting so much money into stopping the drugs from coming in but I think we should put more into recovery for those who need it. I sent Jeri a message begging for daily NA meetings. It puts the focus on that instead of trying to keep it out. David: The agency did receive settlement funds last year and we invested that into Atlas, which is on the tablets, and I/I have access to. We're working hard to get treatment to I/I early in their incarceration. Loren: How do we do this, so I/I release to possibility and not just to survive? Tammey: We have so many I/I without tablets, so when we push everything to the tablets but II don't have them, that's a problem. Lockdowns, restrictive movement, so many terms. What is an intoxication protocol? Chuck: Intoxication protocol is when someone is thought to be intoxicated, they are moved somewhere to be monitored. It's a collaborative approach between custody staff and health services. Sometimes someone may look intoxicated but are actually having a medical issue and not intoxication. Maybe we can have someone who specializes in that come to a meeting. Elise: Loren mentioned 12 step meetings that used to be peer led. Because we're short on volunteers, are we able to lean back into peer led groups? Scott: Looking at our policies, we're looking to shift some of our policies to reflect good intentions. Elise: how do we get 12 step programs into the facilities now? Scott: It will be both volunteer led and peer based. I can't really put a timeline on that. Megan: We do have peers mentoring each other and staff mentoring each other and I/I. People who are incarcerated have been harmed by religious entities and have trouble with AA because you have to find a higher entity. But there are other options and we're looking into all options. Addiction doesn't just impact I/I. We have staff who have lost loved ones to addiction. I think we need to educate everyone.
Community Partnership Program *Lorne Spooner, Director of Correctional Services*	*See Attachment #3* *Elise: Can we update the websites to make these programs more accessible?* *Lorne: It is actually listed under family services, but I will check to see if everything is there and if you're not getting responses, please let me know.* Tammey- Offender was supposed to be removed and I'm wondering if we know how it got the name Offender Betterment Fund. Diane: Office of Financial Management gave it that name but it has an office name. We will continue to call it IIBF but we can't control what OFM calls it. Elise: Wanted to follow up- if you look at the family services page, under the parent conferences page it doesn't tell you who to contact. And on the family services page it says to have the I/I contact their counselor. Lorne: I will make sure the link is there and active. I will let you know the answer. **Update: We are working to get the updated information on the page as well as reestablishing a link for information. This is in process.** Megan Pirie: I know a lot of links I use are broken and IT has to go in and fix them. Tammey: To Gwen's point, per policy family resource guide, they are supposed to collaborate with the facility, but it never happens. You can all ignore us but per policy we are supposed to be provided with a channel to offer our input. **Update: All policies that are under review can be viewed at Policy Review | Washington State Department of Corrections** Gwen: My last event at AHCC MSU was on a Thursday evening and there were only 6 families other than myself there. There was a miscommunication, I had to tell my husband that there was an event. They said they put out flyers, he couldn't find them. There was no

	communication. I just want us to work together to find a solution. I want you all to be aware this is happening. Elise: Idea of changing the policy or thought process around IIBF. Back to school event, communication about the date was wrong, and the families who came on the date that was on the event calendar were told it was the wrong day, and they couldn't even get backpacks. It wasn't an in-person event because they came on the "wrong" day and so then they didn't get the backpack.

Roundtable open discussion

Topic	Discussion/Key Points
Wendy	I just wanted to comment about the tablets. We got our loved ones back and it's totally useless. Are we supposed to be able to do anything with it? Jason: I don't have that on the top of my head, but I do know that anything with copyright was removed.
Scarlett Wiliams CRCC	The concern that came up was the SFC meetings, are they set in stone? The reason was sometimes Saturdays are the only day people can visit their loved ones. Also, they're on the Jewish sabbath where they cannot use electronics. James: They're scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of every other month. We're currently looking at how we're going to operate next year. Please send that to Elise and Brianna and we'll be happy to discuss that.
Elise	What is the process for someone who is leaving DOC or is on leave? I've had at least 3 in the recent memory, and I've tried to email someone and I'm getting no response. Website still names that person as the contact with their email address and they don't have an out of office response, I'm just not getting a response. Jeri: They are supposed to add an out of office response. James: You're talking about local facilities? Elise: Not to throw anyone under the bus but Dawn Taylor for example never responds. James: The expectation is that they'll have someone covering and an out of office reply. You can always go to the superintendent. Also remember there are many chains of command inside a facility but if you're still having problems, go to the superintendent. Lorne: You can always look on the website and find their supervisor and CC them or email them directly.
Josephine	DOC may be taking over all kitchens? Jeri: DOC is moving away from closed loop kitchens. Things won't really change; staff will just be under a new supervisor.
Ellen	Who to contact or find who to contact? AHCC has a correspondence email that you can email questions to, and they'll be forwarded to the proper person.
Elise:	Do we have an update on the KOP situation when someone transfers facilities? David Flynn: I do not have an update now, but I will work on that on Monday and get that in writing. **Update: Health Services in collaboration with the Security Operations Office have drafted a revision for DOC 02-398 Transport Bag Inventory to clarify for incarcerated individuals and in-unit property staff that Keep on Person (KOP) medications are to be packed in the transfer bag and not in regular property boxes. Individuals are to place all KOPs in the transport bag and unit property officers are to ensure that none go into the property boxes. The revised form is pending publication, along with additional information to assist unit staff to support this process to better meet health care needs of individuals under our care. Any KOPs that have not gone through distribution to the individual will be packed in a medication box that will be transported to the new facility and handed over to medical staff for distribution at that location.**
Ellen	Why is there a $300 limit on the jpay for commissary accounts but when you send the money in it's a 500 limit? The response was it was part of the Securus contract, can we change the contract? They charge 10.95 for a fee, can that be adjusted? **Update: The fees and amounts are set by Securus. The $500 limit is in reference to the Commissary sub-account, which was set by DOC consistent with RCW.72.09.480(9). The DOC funding limit for commissary acts independent from the Securus contracted payment services.**

Daphne	Stafford Creek is rich in positions at state level, we have Elise and Andi Shotwell both. Are other facilities under lockdown or is it just us? Chuck: There was an uptick in violence, and we do restrictive movement so we can try and find why there was an uptick in violence, it's for investigation. It's not a full lockdown, just restriction in movement. Daphne: Rumors on when it might end, can you tell me anything about that? Chuck: There's info received through different means but we're not sure what is correct at this time. Jeri: Are you saying the facility is under lockdown? Daphne: I think I used the wrong term; it should be restrictive movement. Jeri: They should be working back to normal last week but there could be some areas that are a little slower. Daphne: I had an email this morning from my loved one saying; "They've moved all the Hispanics to one place and yet the rest of us are being punished and only allowed one hour of recreation." Jeri: I do know they've had to reduce the number of people going to recreation at any time. Reduce the numbers so we can control the violence. It may take some time to get completely back to what the I/I feel is normal.
Gwen	Felix was talking about people who had special medical conditions and had smart phones who need them to monitor their conditions. But we see staff have their smart watches in restricted areas, they're still wearing them and there's no way to tell if they're connecting to their phones. Is there any follow-up? Jeri: Visit rooms with individuals have been approved when it's brought to our attentions. Smart watches have been addressed with staff, seriously, when we find them. But there are some that aren't smart watches.
Tammey:	Wednesday, November 5, a notice went out that said Stafford is on restrictive movement, don't call the facility for updates, there will be a notice on the website when changes are made. Things are NOT back to normal. Please have communication for families. We were told not to call and got no update.
Gwen	Gwen: Policy says the superintendent from the facility and visit Sgt. must attend one meeting per year. Who makes sure that happens? James: We have a schedule that they can sign up on. I will make a note to make sure that's being followed. We'll be sending that out soon and I'll make a note to follow that.
Elise	Can we put out schedules of who is going to be there at each meeting? James: Yes, let's start in 2026 We'll make that happen. **Update: This has been discussed, and all special guests will be noted on the agenda for each meeting and available 2 weeks prior to the meeting.**
Tammey	Communication has gone downhill so far, we don't get notified of anything. Policies being reviewed, etc. Can we take a look at how we're communicating with families and how we can get them the information they need. Can we please figure out how to all be on the same page again? Jeri: I appreciate the comment, and I will make that commitment. What did you like from before? Tammey: For example, we once had an issue with our water tower and showers had to be limited. Mr. Bennet sent out an all-person memo to I/I, staff, and families. It was wonderful. I understand that not everything can be communicated but as much information as possible would be nice.
Elise:	Is there a limit to memory on the tablets for digital mail/legal mail. Jason: A limit won't apply to Legal mail, will still be delivered the same. I'm not aware of any other restrictions. I'll have to follow up on the information we were given. Some might be downloaded while others lives in the cloud. Greg: Texas has it and it was pretty seamless transition. The only thing that's missing is there should be an outside vendor for photos so people can still have physical copies of pics.
Daphne	Legal mail being opened without the named recipient, I'd like more clarification. Jason: That's not allowed, I'd need more specifics to look into that account. It is received by the I/I and they open in front of the I/I. Typically, if that happens, it's because they determined it's not actually legal mail. We call to determine if it was not sent by the attorney's office, if they sent it or not, if they did not send it, we open it.
Felicia	What if someone needs something printed, if they receive a form they need to fill out. Jason: Digital mail is completely digital. We'll cross that when we get there.

Elise	Covid reimbursement, a lot of us had to send forms to our loved ones and have them mailed back. That is something that will come up. Jason: If it's a legal form from the IRS or something else, I think we could work with the law library and get that done.
Tammey:	Veterans get information from the veteran's administration that they have to fill out and return. Please make sure there is process for them to print what they need to. Please highlight and make sure this noted.
Felicia	It may extend beyond forms. I think even if someone is taking a course and they'd like to print documents to study.
Felicia	WCC dental access. No dental hygienist and no position for it, it's a contract role that they have not filled it. My loved one has not received any dental care in two years, and I'm told they're still 2 years out. How can we fix this? David: We are looking at planning additional dental dashes, pop-up events, like we did before. We are trying to hire a dentist and hygienist; they work in tandem. We're working with Schein to try and get those positions filled. Dr. Clark is our new chief of dentistry, and I think it'd be great to bring him to a future LFC meeting. We are really trying. Megan: We expanded dental therapists through legislation so that we can use them outside of tribal areas. We're working to get more of them through the training to do this.
Elise	There are a lot of people inside who don't have family and friends to advocate for them. Can we get them advocates? It feels like a full job sometimes, advocating for my husband. Can we get advocates inside who can help them? David: Thank you for your concern. We're working hard to make sure there are no gaps and they are getting the services they need. Scott: We try hard to make sure we advocate those who don't have somewhere there to advocate for them. Megan: I'd like to. We're looking to prevent suicide and prevent overdoses, how do we support these programs. We're trying to keep this to an evidence-based lens. I think we don't do enough to recognize the heavy load you carry as wives, family members, and loved ones. We have people in our prisons that want to carry this load. We're trying to empower our I/I peers to lead but we have to make sure we're doing it the right way. We are working on that and most of that work is under health services. I'm here to help whoever, however I can.
Elise	Is the position of the councilors something that they would be a part of advocating and recognizing I/I needs? Megan: I see the councilor as the one responsible for working that individual through the system administratively and we wouldn't want to add one more thing to their load. I think it should be someone specific who handles that. Jeri: My goal is that every person in every role would think that way and work that way. But I understand what Megan is saying that it should be a specific role. David: We do have health care coordinators who do try and make sure that every need is met. We are still paper based and hopefully when we have an electronic health record in place, things will be more seamless.
Loren	Back in 2007/2008 RCW 72.09.270 put into place Reentry Plan, this should be in place for everyone. For the families, for the department to ask what do you need, what can we do to make sure you never come back. What are you going to do? What can we do to ensure your success? Hope program; Can we take that message and give to everyone, the I/I, families and staff. They need a pathway to their dream. I know Mac Peavy attends sometimes; I'd like to see a stronger connection between CCD and Prisons. I have 3 individuals right now who are struggling to find housing. Can we educate the field offices in things, that would be great. Scott: Jeri spent time working in CCD and she's working with Mac to extend those invitations. Greg: Most of these people have to check in once a week for the first 90 days.
Kathy	Loved one has special need shoes, and the physician has denied replacement shoes. Who can they appeal, or what do they do? David: Please message me and I'll work with you through this process
Tammey Bertrand	A lot of the peer led programs have funding for a certain time and when the funding disappears, the program disappears. As we talk about drugs, Hope etc. As we know we're going into a tighter budget that we look at these programs and how we can continue funding them. I have concerns that the fires we have burning now are only going to get worse if we can't continue these programs due to budget restraints. They need to have hope and purpose. Scott: We pursue as many as we can, even if we know they're limited, to offer as much as we can.

	Trisha: it has been a concern of ours as well. We try to pursue as many as possible but unfortunately a lot of them are time limited. A lot of times they offer pilot programs that do have an end date, or they simply have a limited time to start with. We're in a very precarious budget right now and we could not put forward new programs this year, we're trying so hard to just keep things as they are for this year.

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