



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Stafford Creek Corrections Center Date: Sat. 02/14/26 Time: 9-11 AM

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MEETING ATTENDEES

Stefanie Bloomingdale, Assoc. Superintendent Analia Wheeler
 Department/facility co-chair Family co-chair

Amber Carlson, Administrative Assistant VACANT
 Facility/council secretary Family secretary, if applicable

Members present: Emilie Arunong-Reed, Julia, Nettie Reed, Wendy Dubinsky, Visitation Sgt. James McGinnis, Catherine Antee, Daphne Nolte,

Non-council member attendees: _____

AGENDA

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
See Action Items Form		

New business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps / Questions
<p>Correctional Industries at SCCC</p> <p>CI General Manager SCCC James Aliff</p>	<p>CI at SCCC has the only furniture factory in the state of WA with 10,0000 sq feet and massive machinery. The Incarcerated express that it has the feeling of Boeing.</p> <p>We build all the furniture for the WA State agencies. We also do a lot of work for the University of WA. Currently we are working on building dorm rooms for them. We also build furniture from "scratch" (frame, springs, batting, upholstery, etc).</p> <p>Our area has forklifts that Incarcerated become certified to drive. They also run various heavy machinery. Some is computer based and communicates with our interior</p>	<p>Family Member: The guys in the office...are they DOC employees or Incarcerated using the CAD stuff?</p> <p>Aliff: The Incarcerated are doing 98% of what is done in that office. We are training, teaching, and guiding them through the CAD program. There is a lot of mentoring in the first few years they use the program but then they become subject matter experts</p> <p>Family Member: Is this open to all Incarcerated.</p> <p>Aliff: Yes, but we have criteria. They have to have or be working towards a high school diploma. If you have a major infraction, you cannot come work with us for 6 months. There are deterrents but we also see it as motivational</p>

	<p>office and the CAD program ran in there.</p> <p>The University of WA dorm room project will go for the remainder of this year and they will be installed in the summer of 2027.</p> <p>*Photo of dorm rooms CI builds attached</p>	<p>factors to be in “Boeing” and not in the prison.</p> <p>Family Member: Did you say you provide a certification process?</p> <p>Aliff: Yes, we do but it is not accredited. They have to have 1,500 hours on that CNC machine and a soft skills class.</p> <p>Family Member: Any other certification programs?</p> <p>Aliff: We have “Making it work” and we have certificates of completion for all areas.</p> <p>Family Member: How many Incarcerated do you employ and how long are they able to stay in the job?</p> <p>Aliff: They can work in CI for 7 years, then they have to leave for 2 years. A lot of times they come back to the factory, and we try to move them to an area they have not worked before.</p> <p>Family Member: Do all the Incarcerated know how amazing this opportunity is?</p> <p>Bloomingtondale: Most know about it, but we have had a money impact when we upped wages for unit porters and that lowered the wages, they are available for if they go out to CI. However, now we are working on a brochure to entice Incarcerated to go out there. CI teaches skills but they also do reentry work, mock interviews, and job prep out there. We are working to promote that better.</p> <p>Aliff: There is about 150 employed right now. Other than the University of WA order, the state budget has kept it slow. We do have some work on the horizon and when the work is there, we have more like 200-250 employed.</p> <p>Family Member: Do you hear from any of those who have</p>
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		<p>gone through the program and how they are doing in reentry. Aliff: Some do, some don't. We do have one participant that made \$80,000 his first year out while working on a CNC machine. Another participant was able to obtain a job as an engineer with the skills they obtained through our program. Family Member: Marketing...you have built an amazing program and if we get your information out there, I believe it will be a great support for your program. Aliff: With anything outside of the state agencies, we have to follow certain conditions to not compete with the private sector. The University of WA project was originally out of Texas, and they came to us after trying to outsource. We were able to work with the conditions and be able to take on that project.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Timber Tails H3 CUS Greg Jones</p>	<p>The Freedom Tails Dog Program was established in 2009 and since then 470 dogs have graduated. In January 2026 we brought in the first dogs with Timber Tails. Right now, we are at capacity with 16 dogs between H2 and H3. We employ 17 Incarcerated. 16 are handlers and 1 is a kennel custodian and blogger. He creates stories for Timber Tails to put on their website. He touches on their progress and personalities. We also have 16 secondary handlers and dog walkers to assist the primary handlers as well. These guys are training the dogs 24/7. The dogs are in house with them and sleep in crates. They follow a training manual to teach both the handler and the dogs.</p>	<p>Bloomingtondale: Greg has done so much work leading freedom tails and timber tails for the facility. Thank you for the work you do Family Member: How can we introduce pets to families? Jones: If you fill out the application then a meet and greet is set up. We have had a few handlers who introduce their dogs on a video visit and the family eventually adopts them themselves. Family Member: How are the dogs chosen at Timber Tails Jones: From what I understand they team up with the local shelters and rescue dogs from all over. Our litter of puppies...2 were found in a dumpster and then they found the remaining and rescued them. I don't know the vetting process, but what they are doing is working.</p>

	<p>The adult dogs get 12 weeks of training on socialization, feeding, exercise, and training cues (sit, shake, down, heal, wait, etc). They also get interaction with other dogs; we even work on correcting behaviors. Dogs get certificates with the AKC kennel club Good Citizen Certification after their testing periods.</p> <p>Currently we have 2 dog training yards and are looking at adding another.</p> <p>The puppies are only with us for 6 weeks. The handlers work them to earn the AKC Star Training certification.</p> <p>The handlers focus on preparing the dogs for their families. All dogs come in a red bandanna for at least 1 week. Then they progress to a yellow bandanna until they graduate to a green. Those who stay in a red bandanna longer falls on various reasons and their conditions they lived in before they came to us.</p> <p>We have an AKC trainer and trainers from Timber Tails who come to SCCC to hold Train the Trainor sessions</p> <p>Timber Tails is based out of Oakville and has rescued over 200 dogs. They are a team of six people who run the organization and are celebrating their 1-year anniversary. They reached out to us and wanted to team up, and it's been a great partnership that involves a lot of staff, and this brings so much positivity to the facility.</p> <p>Bloomingtondale: Greg has done so much work leading freedom tails and timber tails for the facility. Thank you for the work you do</p>	<p>*See newspaper article on Timber Tails at SCCC attached.</p>
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<p>Financial Overview / IIBF</p> <p>LBA Hillard Mellin</p>	<p>**See slideshow for financial report out as of January 31, 2026</p>	<p>Family Member: What kinds of things are included in the budget for the visit room? Can we have another TV, 1 for sports and one for movies? Would brochures for the visit room come out of this budget?</p> <p>Hilliard: It could, but keep in mind that this budget is for the Incarcerated. We could look into it but the state can also deny it. Purchases go through the department to the superintendent for approval</p> <p>Family Member: I think it is important to advertise about LFC meeting.</p> <p>Family Member: Significant Others event...there is a lot of participants. Has there ever been a suggestion to hold 2 sessions so all who want to can participate?</p> <p>Bloomingtondale: CPPC is next and hopefully she can touch base on that.</p>
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<p>Family Friendly Updates</p> <p>CPPC Cheyenne Hathaway</p>	<p>Our winter event had a lot of positive feedback this year. At the children's event we decorated the Christmas tree in the visit room and decorated clothing for the kids to take home for their teddy bears. We plan on decorating the Christmas tree yearly now because it was so impactful for the Incarcerated. The adult event had karaoke and a break-dancing routine. I worked with an I/I to write an article on the event and was told this was the 1st time they received an article written by an Incarcerated.</p> <p>For our family fun night, we made a bouquet with pipe cleaners of all colors. One of our CUS's really got into it.</p> <p>Our next event is the Significant Others event on March 28th, and we have special surprises this year. Following that we will have a spring book fair, the 1st ever at SCCC!</p> <p>Next family fun night is February 20th from 5-6.</p> <p>We have secured 13 more volunteers for the upcoming volunteer training and have found a new sponsor for yoga behind bars. We are hoping to get it start within the next month.</p> <p>Recently I met with a group of Incarcerated who are in RHU on how to bring more programs there. Starting with NA and AA.</p> <p>We have been working with the Student Voices Council on how to make the children's events more educational without losing the fun of the event.</p> <p>Our event wait lists are still being troubleshooted. We are looking and brainstorming what we can do to allow more attendance for</p>
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	<p>more of the population. Every idea brought forward is being looked into.</p> <p>We are starting to make a list for IIBF purchases for next year and would love to hear your ideas. Please email them to me at crthaway@doc1.wa.gov.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Positive at SCCC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ASP Stefanie Bloomingdale</p>	<p>Coffee Corner is a new program in RHU. Area Supervisors meet with I/I's over coffee and answer questions and take input on things going on in RHU.</p> <p>Last week CPPC and CI met with the I/I's</p> <p>We have a sponsor interested in getting NA started back up. We are also exploring adding another AA group</p> <p>We are in the beginning stages of planning for the 2nd annual Bite of Stafford event which is targeted for July this year.</p> <p>For the first time in a long time our substance use disorder treatment staff are fully staffed. SUD treatment is occurring in RHU.</p> <p>H6 has a new CUS and he is working to get H6 A-Pod operating as an incentive pod. We can have him report out next meeting if there is interest from the group.</p> <p>SCCC has been selected to run another Certified Peer Support Course in June. There will also be a Gap training coming early this spring to get those who need it.</p> <p>The executive team continues to meet with those who have graduated the program along with other mentors in the facility to develop some programs and look at proposals that impact drug in unit while utilizing our support specialists and</p>	<p>Wheeler: Donations, where can we donate brand new hygiene items.</p> <p>Bloomingdale: We don't have a process right now since we are just starting to look at incorporating this. Clothing donations can be dropped off in the box in front of public access. We also have an additional drop box located at the Grays Harbor Field office in Aberdeen.</p> <p>Wheeler: Does the clothing need to be new and only men's?</p> <p>Bloomingdale: No, it does not need to be new, and we do accept women's clothing for our transgender population.</p> <p>Family Member: Proposals that impact drugs in unit and their ideas. What does that mean?</p> <p>Bloomingdale: We are meeting with the population in the visit room and discussing the problems from the ground up regarding drugs and the all-around impact. We are sollicitating solutions from those who attend this meeting and for their program proposals on ways we can do this.</p>

	<p>mentors. We are working on bringing a dog program into RHU. Where a dog would come in and interact with the guys while in the programming chairs.</p> <p>SCCC has been running a clothing closet for about a year where Incarcerated who are getting ready for release are offered an opportunity to pick out clothing to release in. We are working to incorporate hygiene but have not gotten that off the ground yet.</p>	
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Roundtable / Open discussion

<p>Family Member: Filling of vending machines during count? Bloomingtondale: Fiesta is monitoring the vending machines and if they needed to come in to fill they will. Family Member: Rounding back to the 2nd tv in the visit room. McGinnis: The discussion is out there, and we are looking at some details around it. Wheeler: The machine is still not loading \$100. It is still showing \$75. Bloomingtondale: We will reach out to Greg and post some information by the machines and in the visit room.</p>
<p>Family Member: Mentors meeting with the executive team how many are attending Carlson: My last call out had 83 people on it</p>
<p>Family Member: My loved one would like to clean the carpet in the visit room. Bloomingtondale: We do have porters in that area and a carpet cleaner. We can work on getting those cleaned</p>
<p>Family Member: Donation process for gaming...I understand there is some work being done on that, do you have a timeline for when decisions might get made on that. Bloomingtondale: I will look into this.</p>
<p>Family Member: Tier reps at the LFC meeting, Airway and WCC had reps at their meeting for the 1st time. Bloomingtondale: I will reach out to them and see how they did that and how it went.</p>
<p>Wheeler: Suggestion. We have some blinds in the visit room that cover the big windows, and we would like them to be open. To see the outside world and help with mental health as well. Bloomingtondale: Some are broken but we will look at getting them repaired. *A service request was started on 2/22/2026.</p>
<p>Family Member: Family secretary position is now open, but no communication has been sent out about that. There was someone who was open to holding any position, could she be reached out to? Family Member: It was Andi Shotwell. Wheeler: She made the state family council Bloomingtondale: Let us check our nominations for that position and we will reach out.</p>

**SCCC will be holding an election for the open Family Co-Secretary and State Representative positions. Email notification went out on 2/20/2026.

Family Member: From now on there is a process for reimbursement. We have to register with the state, and we will receive a 10-99. They went from 150 miles, down to 120. They want you to have a running account with the state. The forms for reimbursement, we will have to start paying taxes on it.

SCCC has an associate degree, is there a plan for a bachelor's degree?

Bloomingtondale: Evergreen State College is running a bachelor's program, and they have graduated 1 cohort and we have 2 currently running.

Family Member: Donating women's clothing, could we find out what they want. And then a poster for in the visit room of what is needed.

Family Member: Is there any way the Incarcerated can put money on a card to purchase vending machine items for their family member?

Hilliard: There is not a way to do this. They can request funds to come out of their account to go to family to use in visit.

Family Member: Would there be a fee

Hilliard: SCCC would not charge a fee

Family Member: Timecard for education TA. I will follow up with you about the specifics.

Bloomingtondale: Yes, I do know from experience that rarely is it a banking issue but more of a supervisor so when we know who it is impacting, we can look at it directly.

Roundtable open discussion

Next meeting location: Stafford Creek Corrections Center via Microsoft TEAMS Date: 4/11/2026
Time: 9-11AM

Comments: read.ai meeting notes tried to join the meeting today. Please remember meeting are not to be recorded.

Fiesta Foods Vending contact information: Greg Gourlie greg.gourlie@fiestafoods.com
SCCC's LFC has 2 vacancies - Family Co-Secretary and SFC Representative. An election and information will come out via email soon.

Amber Carlson has accepted another position within SCCC and will no longer be the Facility-Co Secretary. A recruitment to fill her position is in process and the new Facility Co-Secretary will be announced when they are in place.

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