

Stafford Creek Corrections Center Family Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, July 10, 2015
SCCC Visit Room

Present:

SCCC Staff

- Pat Glebe – Superintendent
- Dan Van Ogle – Associate Superintendent / Security & Operations
- Charles Jones – Correctional Program Manager (CPM)
- Gary Bohon – Correctional Program Manager (CPM)
- Dawn Taylor – Community Partnership Program Coordinator (CPPC)
- Marty Williams – Plant Manager 3
- Beth Troseth – Administrative Assistant III

Family Advisors

- Monica Hofstetter
- Miriam Fry
- Kimberly Lefcourt
- Verna Westman
- Diane Sifres

Offender Advisors

- Michael Williams

Superintendent Glebe

Meeting started at 0900 hrs. Superintendent Glebe opened with a greeting and everyone present introduced themselves. Cookies were provided from Food Services during the meeting.

Corrections Specialist Dawn Taylor

Ms. Taylor handed out the new family transportation van schedule and explained there was a new state contract. The new bus schedule does not provide transportation from north of Tacoma and is scheduled on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Special Visits will need to be made with families who utilize the van on days they are not scheduled to visit.

The Family Friendly budget was discussed. Ms. Taylor explained how the budget had been significantly reduced and that directive from Headquarters is that families are now to pay for their own food. She went on to say there is a meeting scheduled in August to discuss the issue further and she will keep the families advised as to the outcome as well as any changes that will need to be made.

Family Services Unit has developed a video for families new to DOC. The video discusses the importance of staying involved with your loved one during incarceration. The video was not available at the meeting due to technical difficulties; however Ms. Taylor handed out the link for the video which can be found on Youtube. This information will also be made available to the visitors in the Visit Room.

Ms. Verna Westman – Family Advisor

Ms. Verna Westman suggested that family be allowed more input at the statewide Family Advisory Meeting for families to stress their questions/concerns. The last meeting that Statewide hosted the family were not afforded the opportunity to voice their concerns.

Superintendent Glebe

Superintendent Glebe spoke on the statewide budget being passed. There have been rumors that The Department of Corrections budget could be bad but haven't heard anything definitive as of yet.

The facility had a significant lock down this quarter. Things went well during the operations portion of this lock down. Superintendent Glebe stated that notification was dispersed as soon as he could get it out there and kept the lines of communication open to keep folks abreast of the situation. Superintendent Glebe stated that Lockdowns are particularly hard on all involved and commended the following for their involvement and patience:

- Food Services
- Staff
- Offenders
- Families of Incarcerated Offenders

Superintendent Glebe handed the floor over to Ms. Taylor to speak on the KUBI camp that recently took place at Camp Lyle McLeod, located by a lake near Belfair State Park. Ms. Taylor stated that 22 children were present during this 3 day camp. A wonderful time was had by all.

The department, in partnership with the Girl Scouts of Western Washington, hosted the Kids United by Incarceration (KUBI) camp from June 17-19 to provide a fun experience the kids might not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy.

A special thanks to the following DOC employees who coordinated the effort and attended the camp to help make it a special experience for the children:

- Ryan McGovern, CCO Tacoma
- Greg Montague, CCO Tacoma
- Sara Thompson, CCO Tacoma unit 2
- Giang-Ly T. Tran, CCO Tacoma unit 2
- Dawn Taylor, CPPC SCCC

- Geoff Nelson, Planning/Performance Consultant, HQ
- Gheorghe Turcin, FSU specialist Spokane
- Caroline Melhuish, FSU specialist Vancouver
- Bill Copland, FSU specialist Yakima
- Carrie Kendig, FSU manager, HQ
- Jody Becker-Green, Program Administrator, HQ
- Andi May, Executive Sec, HQ
- Bea Giron, Program specialist, HQ
- Wes Thomte, Budget analyst, HQ
- Joe Koval, Fiscal analyst, HQ
- Cory Holien, Engineering aide, HQ

Ms. Taylor spoke about a study she has worked on where the children of incarcerated parents have an 80% likelihood of being incarcerated or becoming involved with a violent crime by the time they are adults.

ROUND TABLE

Superintendent Glebe

Superintendent Glebe stated to the group that Sergeant Eric Nowobilski has bid out of his Visit Sergeant position and a new visit sergeant would be starting today (July 10, 2015).

CPM Bohon

CPM Bohon stated that the new Visit Sergeants name is Martin Allenbaugh. CPM Bohon continued to state that the Extended Family Visits will be improving in the next coming months.

CPPC Ms. Taylor

Summer Family BBQ is next weekend (July 18). Offenders have to choose if they want to attend this event with their families or attend the Back to School Event scheduled for August 22, 2015. They are not allowed to attend both as space is limited.

Ms. Hofstetter

Ms. Hofstetter posed a concern of bed space and shipping offenders out of state with the uncertainty of the budget. Superintendent Glebe answered that the department has always had an out of stated contract for housing offenders but at this time there should be no concern as there currently is plenty of bed space available. Nothing is written in stone as of yet as we do not know what the budget is for DOC yet.

Ms. Sifres

Ms. Sifres was concerned about the sack lunches that were provided during the last lockdown. She continued to state that she will be bringing this to the attention during the upcoming Statewide Family Advisory Council meeting scheduled for this weekend. It was stated that there was mold on the bread and that it was unacceptable.

Offender Michael Williams, 882945

Offender Williams spoke very highly to the group today regarding Sergeant Allenbaugh. He continued to say that Sergeant Allenbaugh was very straightforward and if there were any concerns that they would be dealt with in a timely manner.

Offender Williams commended staff and Food Services, specifically, for the way the recent lockdown was handled. He stated that he has been through lockdown at other places and this was by far the best run one he has ever seen. He complimented the Officers in the Units and their efforts to allow Offenders out of their cells hourly to use the restrooms and that Offenders were very appreciative of this.

Superintendent Glebe

Superintendent Glebe took a moment specially thank Ms. Taylor for her hard work and dedication to her job and the department. He hoped that she wasn't being taken for granted for all she does for the Offenders, Staff and the Department as a whole.

Superintendent Glebe also took a moment to thank CPM Bohon for his efforts with programming as well.

Meeting Adjourned
1002 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Troseth, Administrative Assistant III