



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Virtual Teams Meeting

Date: October 1, 2022 Time: 10:00-12:00 p.m.

Teleconference details: Virtual Teams Meeting

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Captain Ina McNeese Family co-chair: _____

Facility/council secretary: Desiree Stutheit Family secretary, Josephine Johnson

Members present: Josephine Johnons, Danielle White, Diane Durall, Diane Pasta, Dana Malaha, Heather Dockery, Diana Knesek, Kehaulanni Walker, _____

Non-council member attendees: Ina McNeese, Paula Chandler, Peter Maxson, Leslie O'Conner, John Padilla, Heather Trenk, Jairus Perryman, Desiree Stutheit, Rachel Symon, Heather Trenk, Kristi Webb _____

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points (questions)	Next Steps (responses)
Securus Cpt McNeese	Securus Updates	Securus is continuing to pull wire and work on the new infrastructure.
Visits Cpt McNeese	Visit Update	Visitors still need to test before their visit. Staff not testing weekly though. Can schedule 2 visits for the same day and stay during count if available. Evergreen Vending has filled machines with other drinks and snack foods. Will add more perishable food later when it's an option. The visit room will be closed 2 Saturdays for powwow events. It is required for religious events to be held. With the guidance of DOH, they can combine cohorts to provide the activity.
Community Involvement Program Heather Trenk	Updates	Was hoping to have in-person events by November, but this won't happen. There should be a memo going out soon to families for events after the new year. Will do activity bags during visiting for the holidays. Also looking to try and do a pumpkin contest like they did last year at TRU.

New business

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Statewide Family Council Reports from Danielle White & Josephine Johnson	Update From Statewide Meeting	COVID UPDATE -In the last 2 waves, only 1 I/I had to be transported to the hospital for low oxygen -Believed that with the increase of immunity and vaccine this has helped even though omicron is more contagious but less severe. -Guidance for prisons from the CDC is not out yet, but WA is looking at CA and OR to see what they are doing and how they can modify protocol when the new CDC correction guide is out. Trying to find more balance

		<p>-Setting up a wastewater program, to test for covid in areas, a machine was approved, waiting for it to be purchased.</p> <p>-New visit policy related to the local country status & facility status.</p> <p>mask will be voluntary, increase time for visit, powwows & events starting to be planned, continued cohorts, eating in chow hall, increase programing and classes</p> <p>-Units on Quarantine, I/I can still be seen in the clinic or go to offsite appts.</p> <p>-Vaccine booster is approved</p> <p><u>MAIL</u></p> <p>-Legal Mail - Legal in nature needs to be marked as legal confidential if not from a courthouse. Prosecutor or attorney must mail in legal mail, not families.</p> <p>-If a photo is rejected due to a concern, it will be photocopied and then able to get the photo instead of just being rejected totally</p> <p><u>TV</u></p> <p>-Looking into national services and what companies are out there to possibly do a new contract across the state. Including better service and adding more diversity of channel. Right now every facility has their own contract vendor for TV service. Looking like early spring for this to happen</p> <p><u>Online Survey Tool</u></p> <p>-I/I will be able to participate on kiosks to give feedback instead of just tier reps, this will expand the collection of information, get different perspectives about what the wants are of the population. Surveys - ex: getting interest of TV channels wanted</p> <p>-QUESTION - will the surveys be anonymous so there is no risk of future retaliation, Unsure of this answer due to the population using bib metrix to log on.</p> <p><u>Hobby Crafts</u></p> <p>-This is a work in progress, currently no changes in vendors or how the I/I can purchase. Possibly other options for families to purchase items. Limited space for hobby crafts and need the permits.</p> <p><u>Dungeons & Dragons</u></p> <p>If you buy books, they can be delivered, but if you buy the PDF version then print and mail it in there are at least 2 facilities that are rejecting it for copyright. This will be looked into.</p>
Cpt. McNeese	Incentive Program	<p>There is a committee of I/I and staff from different branches, they haven't had the 1st meeting yet. hopefully will have a meeting scheduled within the next couple weeks. Orange tags represent 6 month free infractions. Getting this program set up for TRU first, then going to try and get a program set up at MSU & WSR. Will try to find cost neutral with little to no financial impact, depending on what the population wants.</p>
Cpt McNeese and O'Conner	Storage Container	<p>During COVID, cell searches were stopped to minimize the spread. With restrictions being lifted and cell searches starting again, the population may have more property than what is allowed. There is a pending property policy update, they are focusing to get everyone into compliance and extra property disposed of. After this, they will look farther into meeting the storage needs at TRU.</p>

		This may need to be brought to attend at statewide family council due to when I/I transfer to a different facility and allowed to have a container at one place but not another.
Cpt McNeese	Painted Strips	At TRU, there are painted strips along the cement pathway near the gardens. The strips are between the pathway and the dirt/gravel for visual references not for infraction purposes.
Cpt McNeese	EFV Trailers	If new game systems are bought for use in the EFV trailers, will try to use the older systems and games possibly as part of the incentive program or in the dayrooms of the units. Previously there was a game cube in the C/D at WSR where it was approved to have game tournaments. Possibly if new ones are purchased the current ones could be pulled and used in the incentive program.
Family Questions/Comments	Jpay/Securus	Issues with Jpay, can't replace tablets that aren't connecting, staff at MCC not helping even after sending help tickets. Batteries are only 2 years, then no warranty. There is no tech on site that can work on the tablets. Heard some losing money, pictures not transferring with the new tablets. Purdy is the pilot program, so even though some may be having issues it will take time for the kinks to get worked out. Securus is continuing to pull wire and work on the new infraction.
	EFV Questions	A Family member want a committee formed of who has EFV's to be able to update MCC staff if something is missing from the trailers, and have a check out form. In the spring Lisa Flynn sent out a list of all items that should be in each unit. MCC had 95% of the items already in the units. There previous was a checkout list before COVID that was used. McNeese will look into it. Another family member discussed possibly ordering new furniture; several of the beds and couches are broken down.
	CI Jobs	Some guys are not able to get CI jobs even though they are available and need workers. With the quarantine lifted, still being told they can't work. Requests for the CI manager from HQ come to the next LFC meeting to report what is happening with building 4 at WSR. Population available to work, but DOC not providing program or training. Was reported new GM Lon Turner will be asked to attend the next meeting.
	Curtains - Heat/Cold	Topic being brought up again, which was at the last meeting. Any update regarding whether the population will be able to keep them through the winter? Only TRU got curtains, not all the population in all areas of MCC. Wants DOC to get bids to install AC in all areas at MCC.
	Limited numbers	Why with not on outbreak status there is a limit to the numbers of I/I allowed in the dayroom? Even though not on outbreak status, still required cohorts, social distance and limited number of I/I in areas. With this AA meeting and education are still impacted.
	Tier Reps	LFC Policy allows tier reps to attend meetings, why aren't they attending? During the COVID calls, there were reps attending but other facilities pressured for them not to be on the call since they weren't LFC calls. LFC meetings are being held on Teams, which means most staff are attending meetings from home, not

		on site. Will work on having a tier rep attend the next meeting in December.
	LFC Meeting	Talking about the new normal and wanting to have the LFC meetings in person, with the cohorting still happening would be unable to have a visit after the meeting. Which is stated in the LFC policy if you attend the meeting, you are able to have a visit afterwards.
	Voting	Cpt McNeese received the following nominations: 2 for Co-Chair: Josephine Johnson & Amanda Corner 1 for State Rep: Danielle White none for Co-Secretary but Diane Pasta volunteered Voting took place during the meeting, then Cpt McNeese emailed out the list for members who weren't able to attend the meeting to still vote by email.

Roundtable open discussion:

Next meeting location: Teams _____ Date: December 10, 2022 _____
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm _____

Comments:

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