



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: TEAMS Date: 12/19/2022 Time: 1000

Teleconference details: _____

MEETING ATTENDEES

Paula Chandler Department/facility co-chair Josephine (Jo) Johnson' Family co-chair

Elisha Madden Facility/council secretary Diane Pasta Family secretary, if applicable

Members present: Dana Malaha, Amanda B Ott, Carolyn Wickliff, Danielle White, Josephine Johnson, Karen Cain, Lydia Schoen, Danica Seavoy, Dianne Pasta, Shaelyn Hester, Kehualanie Walker

Non-council member attendees: Daniel White, Paula Chandler, Melida Ferrell, Maria Angel, Chris Hallgren, Daniel D. Allen, Kari A. Styles, Rachel S. Symon, Heather Trenk, Elisha Madden

AGENDA

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
Phones	Securus is not immediately aware of kiosk problems; the new tablets will have an app to help. The situation is reliant on the vendor—they need to correct the problems; staff will report to them.	Staff will report of any kiosk problems. IIU Chief Maria Angel (Liaison) will work with vendor.
Will NA and AA be able to be led by incarcerated if no staff is available?	No, every program needs a sponsor. MSU, TRU and SOU have program's several times a week. Occasionally, due to staff shortages – classes may be canceled.	Heather Trenk works with volunteer programs with sponsors. Please contact her with questions or concerns. Trenk, Heather K. (DOC) hktrenk@DOC1.WA.GOV
Funding for programs	DOC needs volunteers, across the state. We get allotted funds; these are legislative decisions.	Individuals may contact the legislature to fund programs for those under DOC supervision.
Tablet Timelines	Updated tablets expected in January	https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/services/technology.htm
What is going on with building 4? CI jobs?	Filling these positions with TRU individuals is no longer an option due to safety/security reasons.	Associate superintendent Melida Ferrell is the contact for CI issues and will have more

		information regarding the CI job options.
Visiting	<p>Special visits: send a request for special visit to Assoc. Supt. Melida Ferrell or through the visiting sergeant. It takes 5 days to process.</p> <p>EFV Facilities: an EFV checklist would let MCC know of needs. Sgt Shaw created a thorough list for maintenance etc. MCC is working on getting them upgraded.</p> <p>- Suggestion from a family member: A second TV in master bedroom in EFV. For large families, children's TV can get boring for adults.</p> <p>TRU and Coats: TRU Visitors leave coats behind and then go outdoors; this should change so that we can be warm all the way to the visit. Issue of DOC not able to take responsibility for possessions (coats).</p> <p>Visiting changes: While visitation is still by cohorts/units, there mid-December.</p>	<p>Assoc. Supt. Melida Ferrell oversees visiting. She will implement an EFV checklist. DVD Blu-Ray players will be obtained. DOC will consider a second TV.</p> <p>Coats without hoods are allowed. TRU coat location options will be discussed and clarified.</p> <p>New visiting procedures will be conveyed with announcements and updated on the website.</p> <p>DOC Website has been updated with new visiting schedule and cohort information.</p>
Meeting dates	<p>The dates for our meetings this year were decided by LFC attenders' votes:</p> <p>February 4 April 8 June 3 August 12 October 14 December 9</p>	<p>The dates will be put on the DOC website.</p>
Disability Concerns	<p>Several family members raised disability access issues for visitors. A ramp was covered by a state vehicle. Also, visitors have to leave the facility to go to the bathroom, while there is a more local bathroom used for storage and one for the</p>	<p>Assoc. Supt. Paula Chandler and Assoc. Supt. Melida Ferrell will look at the ramps and discuss with maintenance.</p> <p>DOC will discuss and balance accessibility and security issues—bathrooms, parking.</p>

	incarcerated. Screening recurs when people use the bathroom. Distance of parking at TRU is an issue and should be a priority over worker convenience.	
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New business

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Headphone concerns	Current contract is with Union Supply	
Cards for Vending Machines		Cards for food vending machines will still be used when we get off yellow status and the machines are stocked.
Flu Shots	General information	Available to population. Please send a kite to Infection Protection Team (IPT) if someone was missed (e.g., at work).

Roundtable open discussion

Next meeting location: Teams Date: 2/4/2023 Time: 10am

Comments: _____

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