



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Olympic Corrections Center

Date: 4/6/23

Time: 1300

Teleconference details: Microsoft Teams Meeting

MEETING ATTENDEES

Superintendent Scott Speer
Department/facility co-chair

N/A
Family co-chair

CPPC Elena Friesz
Facility/council secretary

N/A
Family secretary, if applicable

Members present: Melissa Nevsky, Kimberly Sutton, Sklyer Robinson and Jennifer Schaibly

Non-council member attendees: OCO Heather Bates and LBM Nick Riggan

AGENDA

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
Religious programing	Anything in the future may be offered for more religious services	<i>Most recently, Asatru Blots with sponsor have been reactivated, Asatru weekly group time has been expanded, Jehovah Witness group time with volunteers has been expanded, Native Drumming time with sponsor has been expanded, monthly Christian volunteer service has been added, new cultural Mexican/Central American group has been added.</i>
Schooling	Any online school opportunities, trade/skills-in-person such as constructio/building	<i>Peninsula College education staff plan to expand classes to evenings. Laptops are in the future for students. There is a recruitment for instructor to teach C-TAP (building/construction). As interest, population increases, and educators are available more will be offered. OCC has a very motivated reentry staff, eager to get men on the correct path to be successful upon release.</i>
Incarcerated on the job injury	Process of management be better directed, especially on a holiday or staff vacation?	<i>After business hours accidents/illnesses are reported to the local on call medical provider by the Shift Commander. Recommendations/instructions are followed.</i>
Donations	May families donate items? Some areas considered would be EFV's and the unit libraries particularly for listening to learn a language?	<i>There is a statewide standardized list of items that belong in the EFV units now. Listening to learn a language would create an issue</i>

		<i>as we do not allow CD's in and do not provide players for them in either area. Policy 210.060 Donations and 21-162 Donation Approval Request form can be submitted prior.</i>
DNR	DNR restroom process departing DOC facilities.	<i>Individuals go from the living unit to the DNR compound. There are restrooms located in both areas.</i>
Locker Space	Individuals having to have everything in their locker, which is difficult for some with personal belongings and commissary	<i>If individuals are in compliance with already established policy standards all items will fit in their assigned locker with the exception of large electronic items. Staff are working to bring them back into compliance.</i>
Vending machines	A consideration for more healthier options	<i>Working with the vendor post Covid, OCC is fortunate to get the food items in visit room. The Captain will continue to communicate with the vendor. As the covid regulations lift and better weather the vending machine will get more use as more loved ones come to visit will assist in a possibility of more options.</i>

New business

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Information on the incarcerated garden plot program	Growing vegetables in the units	<i>There is no resources or space to offer garden plots within the units.</i>
Approved vendors Incarcerated to receive contact lens	When I spoke with headquarters, I was told that due to not having an approved vendor, it was at the facility's discretion whether contacts would be accepted and given to the incarcerated individual. Is there something that can be done at a facility level regarding contacts being received, especially for individuals on DNR?	<i>Superintendent Speer found that 1-800 CONTACTS is the available vendor for the incarcerated population. Contacts need to be ordered by loved ones sent directly from the vendor. OCC only receives shipments from Fed Ex, UPS, and USPS. Distribution would be handed out through property. Contact solution is available through CI store.</i>
Sending photos	Now that emailing is available on the kiosks, will incarcerated be able to send pictures again to loved ones?	<i>Securus is not offering this feature. Photos are available through Recreation by photo tickets.</i>
Kettlebell weights in the unit	Would it be possible to get one (1) 40-50 lb. kettlebell weight, one for each unit, to be checked out from the Unit Staff, like the process for checking out resistance bands?	<i>No kettlebell weights will be in the units. Kettlebell weights are "free weights" and only available in Recreation for the individuals who participate the weightlifting fee-based program. Free weights are in Recreation. Incarcerated may write a proposal for ideas for work</i>

		<i>outs submitted to Recreation Specialist, Mr. Stevens and to Captain Price.</i>
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Roundtable open discussion

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Enhanced Visits Saturday, April 8 th & Sunday, April 9 th	Crafts & Activity Bag	<i>14 activity bags were available.</i>
Upcoming Family Friendly Events	Significant Person/Mother's Day Friday, May 12 th 1000-1500 Father's Day Family Friendly Event Friday, June 16 th 1000-1500	<i>Significate Person/Mother's Day Eleven men signed up 21 approved visitors for the event. Father's Day event planning for a fishing pond. Ms. Friesz has a call out to some organizations.</i>
Christian Services	Volunteering for the Christmas Services	<i>Will inform Chaplain Marshall that there is interest.</i>
Commissary Food	Receiving moldy food	<i>Report to CO/staff so they can report it to the Warehouse Supervisor, Mr. Serjeant to contact CI for reimbursement or replacement.</i>

Next meeting location: Local Family Council in Admin Conference Room after visits. A tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is planned Date: Saturday, June 10th
Time: 2:45pm

Comments: _____

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