



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Olympic Corrections Center
 then tour at WWTP

Date: 6/10/23

Time: 2:45-3:45

Teleconference details: In person meeting in the Admin Conference room with a tour of Waste Water Treatment Plant after meeting. There will be an option to join the meeting with Microsoft Teams. Link is on the email/calendar invite Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 288 985 511 311 Passcode: sQwqZM Download Teams | Join on the web Or call in (audio only) +1 253-372-2181,,765690075# United States, Tacoma Phone Conference ID: 765 690 075# Find a local number | Reset PIN

MEETING ATTENDEES

CPM Jamie Kerschner
 Department/facility co-chair

N/A
 Family co-chair

CPPC Elena Friesz
 Facility/council secretary

N/A
 Family secretary, if applicable

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

Non-council member attendees: Captain Ginger Price and Monica Ritter with Engagement and Outreach

AGENDA

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
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</i>

		<i>in Recreation. Incarcerated may write a proposal for ideas for work outs submitted to Recreation Specialist, Mr. Stevens and to Captain Price.</i>
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New business

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Privacy screens for video visits	Our loved ones were told that not having the privacy screens is a state-wide thing; Headquarters states this is not true. I have spoken to others who have loved ones in other facilities, such as WSP and SCCC, who say they still have screens. Visitors have been told there is a blurring option, but Securus customer support states that this feature is unavailable on the visitor's side.	<i>The privacy screens are being fabricated up in our maintenance department.</i>
Food for DNR and the facility overall	There have been reports of food being bad such as rotten meat or food is already open when the guys on DNR have lunch. Is this something that can be looked in to?	<i>A process has been put in place for the DNR and CSC workers to check their lunch before they leave the facility.</i>
Heat Mitigation effort for DNR	With the warmer weather already here, what options are being made available to DNR as they are outside of the facility most of the day? Will they have access to ice and cold water?	<i>Vats of cold water are available for hydration. The work crew cabs are air conditioned. Frequent breaks are given. There is a plan to have an ice machine relocated to the DNR side.</i>
Windows in the units	Allow incarcerated to hang bed sheets across the windows during the summer months to block the sunlight, at least during set hours each day?	<i>Due to fire code sheets are not a allowable item to cover windows. Plant manager is looking at a material that would decrease the sunshine from coming in.</i>
Photo Backdrop in visiting room	Consideration for installing a permanent backdrop for photos in the visit room?	<i>We were able to purchase two back drops. Waiting for confirmation from procurement and planning for more.</i>
Farmers Market orders	Clallam Bay, incarcerated can order items from the local farmers market, is this possible to implement at OCC, possibly biweekly or monthly, so that incarcerated can prepare their own vegetables in the unit as they want? I understand the cucumber and tomato salads served in the cafeteria have a heavy vinegar base and the broccoli salad I am told has a heavy cream dressing base.	<i>Checking CBCC they no longer do the farmers market due to the storage, workload, and staffing. The previous process wasn't available. OCC has the same deficiencies. As for the salads made in the kitchen, they are following the recipe given by the state dietary guidelines.</i>

Air-condition in EFV Units	Can AC be installed in the EFV's?	<i>In the future (after June) it is planned to install air conditioning in both EFV Units.</i>
Vegetarian options in cafeteria	May the vegetarian incarcerated have access to the same fresh vegetables as the rest of the population? As I understand it, they receive a handful of salad with dinner a few times a week, but they do not receive any other vegetable sides, such as the vinegar and cream dressing-based salads mentioned above, as the rest of the population. The only other vegetables they receive are in their tv dinner style tray.	<i>While waiting for the dietary service manager OCC kitchen will add the fruit and vegetable.</i>

Roundtable open discussion

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Upcoming Family Friendly Events	Father's Day Family Friendly Event Friday, June 23 rd 1000-1500 Back to School BBQ Family Friendly Friday, August 18 th 1000-1500	<i>Father's Day event fishing pond, BBQ and making ice cream.</i> <i>Outdoor games, food & children receive school backpack</i>
Event Calendar	Calendar is found on Family Support Washington State Department of Corrections	<i>Scheduled thru to December.</i>
Securus webinar scheduled	On June 8 th at noon information and opportunity to ask questions. Attachment with invite to attend sent with agenda.	<i>This was well attended, and it seemed to be informative. Securus said this is a biggest contract with complexities and to please be patient while getting all the kinks out.</i>

Next meeting location: Local Family Council on Microsoft TEAMS Date: Thursday, August 10th Time: 1 pm

Comments: Ms. Sutton would like to reach Chaplain Marshall when he returns from vacation to follow up on attending religious events. Also the Gidgeon group would like to come to the facility to hand bibles.

Questions regarding DNR- hiring more crew bosses in near future and does DNR provide gatorade as another hydration on hot days

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