



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Administration Conference Room Date: 2/3/2023 Time: 4:45 pm

Teleconference details: TEAMS invite will be provided for those who cannot attend in person _____

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Superintendent Thrasher__ Family co-chair Devorah Harris_____

Facility/council secretary: Erika Schlund_____ Family secretary, if applicable: _____

Members present: Hillard Mellin, Jean Anderson, Sgt. Caldwell, Rachel Smith, Kristal Duvallon, Kaeyleen Harris_____

Non-council member attendees: Zachary Kinneman (OCO)_____

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Recruitment of new LFC members and Welcome new members	We have several new members. Introductions to be made.	Recruitment is an ongoing process. The facility is still in need of a family secretary. Please reach out to CPPC Schlund if interested.
Visitation	<p>(Rachel) Check in process is long and cuts into the start time of visit. Could check in be at 11:30 instead of 11:45 to allow time before visit starts.</p> <p>(Aleka) Visitation check in leaves individuals outside for extended periods of time. Has the PCO not previously accommodated indoor visitor check ins?</p> <p>(Aleka) A unit loses 6 hours of visitation a week due to EFV's</p> <p>(Rachel) Visiting is more open and longer at other facilities. Why is it limited at Cedar Creek?</p> <p>(Aleka) Families being treated like inmates as soon as we arrive.</p>	<p>Visit Sgt. as well as the CPM will be looking into visit check in. Everyone will be considered, and we want to make sure we accommodate everyone as best we can. They will be looking at how to make the check in process more efficient.</p> <p>The PCO is not able to hold visitors currently during check in. Visit check in process is being evaluated.</p> <p>During COVID, scheduled visiting was changed and that is why there was visit on Friday and Monday during the day. Now that the facility is back to not pre-scheduling visits, it is back to the old schedule where visit is not offered during the day on Friday and Monday.</p> <p>Leadership is unaware of incidents of families being treated like I/I's. Visitors were called by their last name instead of first name. We strive to treat everyone with dignity and respect; however, leadership must be told about incidents where this is not happening, and they will look further into it.</p>
EFV	(Rachel) Rules on disqualifying spouses of "like relationships" that have previously had DV incidents.	Currently there has been no change to the policy. If an EFV is denied, the visitor can place an appeal and it will be handled on a case-by-case basis. At this time, EFV visits will still be denied due to DV and "like relationships".

Sweat Lodge	(Aleka) why as a religious practice the men have not been able to attend nor have any accommodations to continue to engage in religious beliefs?	The chaplain has found a new sponsor. When that sponsor is unavailable, the chaplain will come in to ensure sweat lodge is happening
Recreation funding/equipment	(Aleka) Is there any budget in the recreation fund to purchase equipment now that we are further out of the pandemic? Why are loved ones purchasing equipment? Is there not a budget allocated for recreational use? And why is there not more focus on recreational activities, sports, and consistency as far as all recreation is concerned? There was concern from a family member that there are not any tournaments.	There is a budget, and it is being used to purchase recreation items. There have been several pieces of equipment bought. Volleyballs have been approved for purchase. Recreation has hosted tournaments several times. It is more difficult during the winter. There will be more in the spring. The CPM will look into how we can have more variety of tournaments.
Tablets	(Aleka) Not allowed at the gym?	Tablets are allowed in the gym for music purposes only. Calling features will not be allowed at the gym.
Family events	(Rachel) Will families be able to attend now that COVID is no longer recognized as a pandemic?	We will be having in person events again, beginning in March. COVID events guidelines and procedures must be followed. This includes masking and testing. The first event is March 4, 2023. There will be a math and science fair event April 22, 2023. Updates will be provided as they are available regarding guidelines.
Budget	(Hillard) second quarter budget/expenditure report	Budget review. There is a re-allocation request for some of the barber shop funds.

New business

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Vending Machines	The vending machines are often empty, especially on Saturday and Sunday.	At this time the Superintendent is looking into how we can fix this and possibly get a new vendor.
GRE	GRE will now be going through Headquarters. How will this work? How does the county of origin get changed?	The classification counselors will still be in communication with re-entry to help this be a smooth process. If the county of origin needs to be changed, the Incarcerated Individuals must go through the County of Origin change process.
Movie donations	Movies were denied even though the donation request form was approved.	This should not happen. The CPM must be informed of this, once she approves it, the donation should be approved. Movie content is looked at and per polity there are certain things not allowed, even in a PG-13 movie. Units will now also have an incentive-based program for movies that is being implemented.

Roundtable open discussion:

Next meeting location: Cedar Creek Corrections Center _____ Date: April 7, 2023 ____

Comments: _____

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