



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Teams Meeting Date: 1/27/2022 Time: 1030

Teleconference details: _____

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: AS: Andrew Sawyer Family co-chair: Elizabeth Deleon

Facility/council secretary: AA3: Alexandra Stevenson Family secretary, if applicable: (vacant)

Members present: Andrew Sawyer (Associate Superintendent), Melissa Andrewjeski (Superintendent) William Copeland (Family Services), Alexandra Stevenson (Administrative Assistant 3), Christopher Mequet (Health Services Manager 2), Madison Vinson (OCO), Elizabeth Deleon, Allyson Alexander, Gwen McIlveen, Tasha Haskins, Mary Mansour, Beverly Richmond, Loren Taylor, Brenda Raygoza, Kristen Hunt, Kazuko Fowler,

Non-council member attendees: None.

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Welcome and Announcements	Andrew Sawyer welcomed attendees.	
Roll Call	Alexandra Stevenson	

New business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Family Services	William Copeland posted the new Family services policy in the Teams Meeting Chat. He stated any feedback would be greatly appreciated because the policy is up for review.	
CRCC COVID-19 Status	Andrew Sawyer discussed the current status of the facility. -Currently on a facility wide outbreak at both MSC and MSU. -Reviewed questions that were received and asked for any new questions the family members would like to have answered. (See below)	Continue to contain and monitor the current outbreak. Communicate with staff, incarcerated individuals, and family members about the COVID-19 Status at CRCC.

Roundtable open discussion

- Are the individuals who are currently in segregation and waiting to be transferred to CBCC

going to have to wait until summer?

- This depends on the outbreak status of the facility, as well as others. We do not believe that this would be a true rumor. We do have opportunities for those awaiting transfer to participate in our transfer tier where they get much more time out of their cells with other individuals on the same tier.
- Can the individuals who are in segregation use JPAY? What is the timeline for segregation to have wifi?
 - The individuals are currently not able to use JPAY due to not having wifi. There is no timeline at this point we are waiting on whomever gets the new contract.
- For the individuals who are moved to quarantine, how are you keeping track of the numbers?
 - The individuals have to have 14 days and two negative tests before they can get off quarantine. One new positive in the unit and or cohort resets the timeline. We are using rapid antigen tests to get results faster in hopes of taking everyone off quarantine as soon as possible.
- How are they ever supposed to maintain negative status if they keep testing and put close contact individuals together?
 - CRCC normally moves individuals that are close contacts to what we have called Super Quarantine, currently we are using super quarantine to help with the individuals that are close contacts at our MSU as most of the tiers down there are open bay and cause more close contact opportunities. We worked with clinical to determine that close contacts would be left in place at MSC until we can stop the spread at MSU. Individuals are to make sure they are not close contacts, except cell mates, through social distancing, wearing their masks, and frequent handwashing. Operationally we are going to review how to further quarantine the close contacts of a positive/ or symptomatic individual. We have also allowed individuals to use an N95 mask on a voluntary basis and will make PPE available such as a face shield and gloves.
- What about using tents or the gym to house individuals?
 - We are currently using 2½ units as alternative housing. We do not believe the gym nor tents will help with the challenges of alternative housing, and actually believe it will lead to further challenges in managing this outbreak response. We will expand cohorts when we can and are constantly working with clinical to make decisions surrounding operations, especially for those pods that have multiple negative tests.
- The JPAY was not working on 1-22-2022.
 - It is now working.
- What prevents DOC from letting them go to yard?
 - Nothing. There are currently two units who are going to yard because there have not been any incarcerated individuals who tested positive in those units and one unit of recovered individuals that are going to yard. We are not comfortable at this time allowing one half of a unit come off on quarantine unless the different pods are being managed by additional unit staff. There is too many opportunities for cross contamination with staff moving from one side to another and there are many tasks that create the need for staff to move from one side to another.
- Can the incarcerated individuals have full PPE to wear?
 - Voluntary use will be looked into for PPE, also we are reviewing the enhancement of PPE for close contacts that are not put into an alternative housing for 'Super Quarantine'.
- What happens to staff who do not comply with PPE?
 - There is a strict process in place for staff members to ensure staff wear their PPE. Staff are held accountable when this is witnessed and or reported to us (when confirmed).
- Are staff going between the negative side of the unit to the side that has positives?
 - No, in the units that have positive individuals, there are not non positive individuals

living there. Specialty team members or extra staffing is done for the units that have super quarantine or transfer separation to ensure there is no cross-contamination opportunities. We are not able to staff all units by separate pods with the extra staffing and this causes the possibility of cross contamination and those units do not get separate benefits by pod. Like CA and CB are looked at as one unit and therefore their status cannot be changed until the entire unit is clean with at least 14 days and two negative tests.

- There is no positive recognition for the individuals who have continued to test negative. A good job or thank you would go a long way.
 - We will see how we can recognize this.
- Is there also a way for staff to understand prison is the punishment and they do not need to take it upon themselves to continue to punish them.
 - I do not disagree. Unsure on how to proceed besides constant communication and addressing the staff when we witness or can get confirmed reports of this behavior.
- Has CRCC asked for any additional staff? Can we possibly call someone to have the National Guard deployed to CRCC?
 - I will not discourage communication to advocates, our supervisors, or to the government officials, as this is your choice. CRCC does ask that we are CC'd/ know about the concerns so we can try to answer them more quickly than waiting to hear from those mentioned above. Our staffing levels are adequate to handle the response to this outbreak and we are getting more staff back almost daily. We have made a request for medical staff to accomplish some quarantine tasks and that request could not be filled so we used our staff to help fill the holes with assessments and testing. ASSOCIATE SAWYER DID NOT ENCOURAGE CALLING THE GOVERNOR NOR ANY OTHER OUTSIDE RESOURCE TO GET MORE HELP OR THE NATIONAL GUARD TO HELP AT CRCC.
- There were a bunch of staff who were deployed from HQ, did CRCC get any?
 - Not that we know of. Some of our current management staff are deployed at AHCC to help with filling commissary orders for the individuals around the state.
- Are food packages going to be delivered to our loved ones?
 - Yes. They should be getting passed out, soon.
- There was a rumor that when the individuals moved from F unit to C unit fresh air pads would be built. When will this happen?
 - This would be a capital budget request to officially do it. We are looking at informal options to see if it is something we can do within our current physical plant.

Next meeting location: Microsoft Teams Date: 2/3/2022 Time: 1030

Comments: _____

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