

FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Monroe Correctional Complex - JEPC Date: 4/26/25 Time: 1000-1200

Teleconference details: This meeting was available via Team, there were no attendees.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Peter Maxson Josephine Johnson
Department/facility co-chair Family co-chair

Zoe Greenwood Danica Seavoy
Facility/council secretary Family secretary, if applicable

Members present: _____

Non-council member attendees: H. Trenk, T. Davis, B. Peterson, A. Kullojka, J. Hendrix, C. Hallgren, M. Khalmuratov, A. Costa, D. Allen, S. Suter

AGENDA

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
IIBF Update	IIBF budget handout was provided. The money available in this budget must be spent by the end of June or it will be reallocated at the beginning of the new fiscal year. The funds for the Smartboards have been reallocated to fund updates to the Children's areas in the visiting rooms.	
Evergreen Refreshments Update	The representative was unable to attend, however Lt. Davis provided an update on the MSU PICO Coolers. The new coolers are a significant improvement that provide consistent pricing and have easy to reload card. There is about a 5 to 10 business day waiting period to receive funds from their old card. New cards will be available at TRU when the machines have been installed.	
Chemical Dependency - population still having issues being evaluated for the program. Can we work with SARU to complete these assessments?	ABHS is working on hiring as we speak, last information I had from Rich Fall was it will take a couple of months most likely. Any individual that is slated for GRE and needs an SUDS assessment will receive the assessment so it will not	

	prohibit them from being approved for GRE.	
Incentive Yard and Night Yard Update (MSU)	<p>There will be more discussion with this to discuss if movement should be altered for everyone or if this should be implemented as an incentive movement.</p> <p>The captain has looked into the other camps to see if they have introduced a night yard, none have. At this time, he is not comfortable with having a night yard at MSU.</p>	
Update on roof project and programs back in areas at TRU	The hope is that the activities building will be available again in 3 weeks. This delay was not due to the state. There were building issues and city setbacks.	

New business

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Dentist Issues - no routine services or emergency visits happening? I/I from other facilities have been sent to MSU for Dental but wait for services for up to a year. Why is this?	Currently MCC we are funded for two full-time dentist. We currently have one. We are hopeful that a new dentist will be hired soon to help alleviate the long waiting times. The long wait times at MSU are also due to other camps not providing dental services. When they arrive at MSU, they are added to the already long queue. Emergent dentist needs are currently being prioritized. If an individual with an emergency need is unable to be seen, they are sent to their care provider to check for infection and pain management. Families can pay for procedures that are not covered by DOC to be completed by an outside dentist. For any patient pay needs, please contact the HSM at your facility.	
Visitors have not been receiving their requested DVDs for their EFV visits	Please be sure to submit all DVD requests to the Visiting Kiosk mailbox. Lt. Davis will	

	follow up with Visiting Sgts and Staff to ensure requests are fulfilled.	
At previous family events we had a professional photographer that families could purchase photos from. Can this be reimplemented?	The photographer that previously worked with MCC is no longer in business. CPPC Trenk will begin looking for a new photographer to attend a kind-friendly and an adults only event.	
Request to combine Units for Visiting at MSU on the weekends.	There will be further discussion on this topic. This does seem like a change that is likely to be made due to the low attendance of visiting. If attendance does spike the "first in first out" rule would be reimplemented.	
Cleanliness issues in the TRU and MSU visit rooms. MSU needs swept/mopped, there are ants, and dust/wall debris on the toys.	The ants at MSU have been removed. Dust a debris was due to wall construction that has now ceased. MSU will have a discussion with shift to look into the possibility of creating a non-visiting workday for porters to clean the VR.	
Visiting times – TRU and MSU start late often. For events at MSU, is visiting supposed to start at 12:30 or 1 pm? Because the special events say, they are supposed to start at 12:30 but have been starting at 1	At MSU there is no way for visiting to start at 1230 due to mainline. They are testing event times by changing an upcoming event to run from 1300 to 1630. TRU is working on getting their start times on track. The activities building should be open within the next three weeks, this will help reduce delays.	
Most workers at MSU must leave to go to work outside of MSU. They must go through the "mudroom" to change clothes and check in and out. When they return after work they are left to wait "outside" for usually 30 minutes but sometimes up to one and a half hours. They would like to see a scanner for their gate cards to speed up the process and/or a full-time employee in the mudroom.	Since this is an ongoing issue, there was a meeting held to discuss reducing these wait times. They have been adjusting callouts and working with job supervisors to make sure individuals arrive at the gate on time, not early. There is also conversation with the Union to discuss a full-time position here.	

<p>There is concern about SB5219/HB2014 that changes the length of time for GRE and home confinement. The question is what is the status of the bill?</p>	<p>SB 5219, which aligns and expands all partial confinement programs to 18 months, has passed out of the legislature (both the Senate and House) and will be sent to the Governor for signature.</p> <p>The fiscal note estimates that Reentry Center's average daily population (ADP) will increase by 165 individuals. The impacts on the GRE and CPA programs are indeterminate. DOC currently has sufficient capacity for the estimated increase in partial confinement caseloads.</p> <p>The final budget has not yet been passed. The department has expressed concerns to the legislature about the reductions in reentry center capacity included in the Senate's proposed budget. The House proposed budget continues funding for the operation of Brownstone and the Tri-Cities reentry centers, and we have asked the Senate to support these important community resources.</p>	
<p>Washington Way - some staff not using the new program, talking down to I/I, straight to write ups instead of having conversations?</p>	<p>We have been observing staff demonstrating the Washington Way. It will take time to change the culture for everyone, but progress is being made. If you have specific examples, please let your CPM know.</p>	
<p>Can I/I submit WA Way proposals? When?</p>	<p>When Washington Way was established, this was discussed. With the number of proposals that would be submitted we would need a new team to staff this, which we do not have. This is on hold until a process is developed.</p>	
<p>Those individuals taking correspondence college courses are having difficulty</p>	<p>We do proctor exams, and we have been proctoring them. We were without a Navigator for</p>	

getting proctors for their exams. Edmonds Community College is supposed to be assisting with this process, but they haven't been responding to requests to get exams then proctor them. Do we have a new Education navigator and how do the guys contact them?	<p>some time, and as I was trying to do all of the admin work, some things fell through the cracks. It sounds like responding to proctoring requests was one of those things. We do have a new Navigator. Her name is Rachel Couche, and she can be reached through the Education Navigator kiosk inbox or general Education kiosk.</p> <p>She has been great at responding to kiosks, but I have not been as responsive as I would like, so if those proctor requests did not get a response, that is upon me. I have been thinly trying to keep things going, and it is not my intent to be unresponsive or seem dismissive.</p>	
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Roundtable open discussion

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Visiting Policy Revision	We are in the revision stage for the Visiting Policy. Please contact Lt. Davis if you have suggestions.	
Request to Revise UA Sanctions	<p>This suggestion was to accommodate those with medical needs, to ensure that not being able test would not result in an infraction.</p> <p>If there is a medical HSR the one-hour rule does not apply. There are also exceptions for mental health. If an individual receives an infraction, but has an exception, please appeal.</p>	

Next meeting location: MCC - TRU Date: 6/20/25 Time: 10-12

Comments: _____

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