



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time/Location: March 8, 2019 0900-1100 SCCC Visit Room

Teleconference Details: N/A

MEETING ATTENDEES

Department Co-chair: CPM R. Schreiber for T. Thrasher, LFC Facility Co-Chair

Family Co-Chair: S. Cooksey for V. Lewis, Absent

STAFF: Supt. Haynes, ASP Thrasher, ASP Van Ogle, Captain Aldana, CPM's Bohon & Schreiber, Plant Mgr. Matthews, Fac. Mgr. Williams, S. Gallington, Sec. Sr., D. Myers, Sec. Sr., HSM2 Parris & Fac. Secy. K. Tatro

Family members: S. Cooksey, V. Westman, J. Revay, D. & L. Morimoto, D. Sifres, M. Fry. Absent: V. Lewis, Family Co-Chair

PARTICIPANTS: H5 J. Faircloth, H6 S. Gonzalez & G unit G. Schirato

Family Council secretary: Miriam Fry

Facility secretary (LFCs only): Katy Tatro

New visitors: Heather & Lora Dockery, transferring from CRCC for Dockery, Patrick DOC #337724

Welcome

AGENDA

Old Business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
December LFC elections	Elections for Family Co-Chair, Family Secretary & Family Stateside Rep.	New Family Council members are: 1) Vanessa Lewis, Family Co-Chair; 2) Miriam Fry, continuing as Family Secretary; 3) Susan Cooksey as State Rep. New officers will be posted on SCCC website before end of December, 2018.
Visit Room photos	Can photo maximum be increased from 2 pictures per offender?	This will be at the Visit Sgt.'s discretion.
Pillows for EFV's	Pillows & pillow slips for EFV's were ordered.	Pillows & pillow slips have been delivered to all EFV trailers.
Posters for VR	Posters have arrived & are posted in the VR. These include approved poses for all pictures taken in the VR.	This matter has been resolved.
Seasoning packets in EFV's	Request to bring seasoning packets for EFV's.	Families may bring in unused/unopened packets that are factory-sealed.

Pending

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Paper Plates	Paper plates for VR usage is approved. Product will be ordered.	Most feasible option will be ordered & delivered to VR upon arrival.
Fiesta Vending	Update on 2 refurbished frozen food machines being brought into the facility to include additional ice cream choices & Tai Pei products as requested. Also, 1 pop machine's products will be incorporated into another machine making room for the 2 nd freezer unit. No product loss will occur.	Fiesta Vending staff will be at SCCC on 3/21/19 to switch out machines making room for the 2 frozen vending machines with additional products as requested.
Additional microwaves in units	Additional microwaves requested for all units except IMU. An additional 2 microwaves per unit have been approved & ordered.	When microwaves arrive, they will be delivered to the housing units.

New Business

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Mainline seating issue	Can a wheelchair pusher & wheelchair offender sit together during mainline meals?	Yes, if appropriate seating is available.
SFC meeting update	SFC meeting update by S. Cooksey, Family State Rep. There was a mediator present to provide guidance regarding the handling of issues at the appropriate venue and transparent communication by all parties for resolution of recurring issues.	State Family Council Meetings will continue every other month as scheduled.
DSHS re-entry services	The new DSHS pilot project at SCCC for offenders soon to release is working wonderfully. DSHS staff are interviewing those qualifying offenders every Wednesday to include pre-screening for cash, food & SSI benefits.	DSHS staff will continue to interview those qualifying offenders weekly so that access to benefits is available upon release.
SBU Transition	Skill Builders Unit will be located in H5's Vet Pod as this is a lower violence unit. The Vets currently housed in that pod will Mentor those offenders in the SBU. Additional staffing efforts required for SBU are in progress. Programming space for the SBU in P bldg. will become available after the Chapel opening on March 12 th .	Target date for completion will be mid-April. Additional information will be shared at the next LFC meeting.

Round Table Open Discussion

- Family Friendly Events:** The next event will be the Spring Fling scheduled for Saturday March 16th. A list of participants has been sent to the units. This event will be in a carnival type setting to include popcorn, cupcakes & juice and games with prizes. There will be an egg hunt, magic show and crafts as well.
- Family Fun Night:** Our FFN Bingo event will take place on April 19th to include prizes for all ages. Notice has gone out to the population & flyers/applications can be located in the housing units. This is our largest event of the year, so please get your application in as soon as possible.
- Fiesta Vending:** If you used the vending machines & did not receive your product, please contact Fiesta and they will refund the money to your card.
- EFV's:** New process for EFV applications begins March 18th. Posters to include step by step instructions have been forwarded for posting in the units. Recent updates to all EFV trailers include: new TV's, mattresses, stoves, refrigerators, pots & pans, bakeware, electric skillet, bedding & towels, microwaves & utensils. New toys & games will be coming soon.
- Family Friendly events:** When will the approved budget for 2019-2020 Family Friendly events be available for review? HQ will contact all CPPC's during the month of March. When finalized, CPPC Springer will disseminate the information to Fac. Secy. Tatro. We are hoping to have this information available for our next meeting.
- Office of the Ombuds:** Staff from the Governor's office will be attending our April meeting and will attend our Quarterly Tier Rep Meeting on March 26th.
- Resource Fair:** This event will be rescheduled soon and the offender population will be notified when set.
- Significant Women's Event:** There were many requests from offenders & families to move this event back to Saturday and Sunday due to families work schedules. The new dates are May 25th & 26th. Visitation will be closed on the 25th but will open on the 26th after 5:00pm.
- Volunteer Appreciation Banquet:** The rescheduled date will be on May 24th. Visitation will be closed.
- Changes to Family Councils Policy No. 530.155:** This policy is currently being reviewed for changes. More to come.
- Minors attending religious & cultural events:** Children attending these events prohibits certain offenders from attending as well as additional custody staff being added for safety & security reasons.
- JPay video visits:** JPay experiencing issues with video visits in units being down due to lack of connectivity to include issues with refunds. A JPay representative will be available at our Quarterly Tier Rep Meeting on March 26th for possible resolution of these and other JPay issues.
- Question of why pictures of offender artwork can't be sent out.** This question has been addressed at our Quarterly Tier Rep meetings and denied due to in-cell hobby craft protocol.
- Complaints regarding food not being hot & running out forcing substitutions.** Please send a kiosk to Food Services for possible resolution.

Next Meeting Date: April 12, 2019

Location: SCCC Visit Room

List of Acronyms: EFV – Extended Family Visit; LFC – Local Family Council; VR – Visit Room; SFC – State Family Council; HQ – Headquarters, CI – Correctional Industries.

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