

Local Family Council COVID-19 Teleconference Notes

Stafford Creek Corrections Center

June 3, 2020 3:00 pm

Facilitator: Gina Penrose, Associate Superintendent of Programs

Attendance:

SCCC Staff: Supt. Haynes & CPM G. Bohon– SCCC ICP, Admin. Asst. K. Tatro, Sec. Sen. to CPM Bohon D. Myers

HQ Staff: Paige Perkinson Family Services: C. Melhuish

LFC Family Officers: Family State Rep S. Cooksey, Family Co-Chair M. Fry, Family Secretary V. Lewis

LFC Family Members: D. Sifres, E. Broussard, H. Dockery, J. Triggs, L. Taylor, B. Duschene, J. Griggs & K. Stuart-Stevenson

Purpose – To obtain information related to the COVID 19 outbreak and send to the families to help them understand the steps being taken by DOC to keep the Incarcerated Individuals safe and healthy.

Approval of 5/27/2020 Teleconference Notes – Notes were approved by LFC officers & family members.

UPDATE TO QUESTIONS FROM LAST WEEK’S MEETING:

1. Q: Is there an update on the mattresses?

A: C.I. has shifted their focus from manufacturing mattresses to COVID-related items. I will inquire about the status of them and provide that update at the next meeting.

Due to COVID related projects, mattress production has been put on hold. COVID-19 has halted all meetings & progress at this time. However, we are still tracking the testing of the mattresses but will not be moving forward due to CI fabrication of COVID related items.

CURRENT UPDATES:

1. **Free 5 minute phone calls** – Two free 5 minute phone calls has been extended through June 30, 2020. If calls are not used, they will no longer be available after June 30th.

2. **ISO phones** - SCCC is looking at portable phones being available to those incarcerated individuals during isolation placement as a means of checking in with family members. This would replace current protocol of G unit staff arranging the calls to the family members.
3. **Rapid release** – Those incarcerated individuals returning to SCCC from the community are being placed in Segregation for the 14 day period and then released to the population. All of these individuals are being assessed by classification staff with a Custody Facility Plan change to address custody levels.
4. **Kiosk machines** – All kiosk machines are currently offline. There is no estimated date when they will be back online. Kites will be distributed to the population as a means of communication with staff during this time.
5. **Bar soap** – As we continue through the phases of COVID-19, bar soap will be distributed to the population weekly on a State-wide level.

CURRENT QUESTIONS:

1. Q: Per Diane Sifres – With regard to the boats, are the population allowed to take food items back to their cells? This was not permitted in former years.
A: Per the Handbook, the population may take a piece of fruit or one prepackaged item back to their cell for the day’s consumption. Also, Food Services Manager Attard is now providing wrapped fresh carrots & celery to the population on a daily basis. This question has been brought up several times during former LFC teleconferences.
Q: Per Diane Sifres – How did the Field Day events turn out?
A: The field day events put on by Associate Van Ogle’s office for Violence Prevention went very well with lots of participation. Due to COVID-19, there was no bbq; however, goody bags consisting of pop, chips, cookies & pretzels were given to all participants. Activities consisted of tug of war, Frisbee golf, soccer, track event, ADA event, 3 point shot, horse shoes, obstacle course, quarterback challenge & corn hole game.
2. Q: Per Loren Taylor - Can we have an update regarding rapid re-entry?
A: We don’t have an exact number of releases at this meeting, however, 13 have been returned to SCCC, not all were released from SCCC, they are being placed in a 14 day separation prior to being allowed to enter the prison population.
3. Q: B. Duschene had questions regarding CRCC COVID-19 positive testing and what is being done at SCCC regarding prevention efforts.
A: SCCC’s first priority is to keep the population & all staff safe & healthy. All transferring incarcerated individuals are being screened prior to leaving their current facility, again when they arrive at the receiving center (WCC) and a third time when they arrive at SCCC. As we begin to receive community violators returning from rapid re-entry, we have initiated an “Intake Separation” process in IMU. In addition, we are proactively utilizing contact mapping in the facility for those on separation and while waiting for test results on those presenting with flu-like symptoms.
4. Q: K. Stuart Stevenson asked about quarantine & ISO numbers at SCCC and these numbers being much higher due to CRCC’s COVID-19 positive testing.

A: SCCC currently has 2 incarcerated individuals in ISO and 1 in quarantine. Yes the state wide numbers will be greatly increased as 1,950 are now in quarantine status just at CRCC.

THANK YOU:

Associate Penrose thanked everyone for keeping communications open and discussing current issues that impact the population & their families during these difficult times impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

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