

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** Stafford Creek Corrections Center

**Date and Time:** 7-22-20

## Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Associate Penrose, IT Bradley, Fac. Secretary Tatro & CPM Secy. Rehak
- HQ – Paige Perkinson; M. Eby for C. Melhuish, Family Services
- LFC Officers: State Rep Cooksey & Family Secy Lewis
- Family members – J. Revay, D. Sifres, S. Hitchcock, B. Duschene, J. Griggs & J. Dameron

## Weekly Update

- Dental – Dentists will now be coming into facilities State Wide.
- Update on incarcerated individual face masks – Associate Penrose provided the following clarification to the family members as there has been much confusion on this topic. This was sent to SCCC's population via kiosk earlier today: "There have been several questions from both staff and incarcerated individuals regarding authorized face coverings for the incarcerated individual population. During a recent Tier Rep Meeting on 7-15-20, the following information was discussed, documented and distributed in the Tier Rep Meeting Minutes posted on 7-17-20: "After Friday's memo (7-10-20) on Incarcerated face coverings, there is some misinterpretation and confusion by both Staff and Incarcerated. The memo states the Incarcerated can decorate their issued face covering as long as the decoration does not depict violence, gang affiliation, alcohol, drugs, or which could be construed as sexual in nature." To further clarify, incarcerated individuals are currently allowed to wear personalized, self-made, or customized masks as long as they are not red, blue or yellow and do not depict violence, gang affiliation, alcohol, drugs, or images that sexual in nature. The ultimate priority is to have all incarcerated individuals wearing face coverings that meet the above-mentioned criteria to help keep everyone safe during this pandemic while maintaining safety and security."
- SFC update by State Rep Cooksey – Susan shared that SCCC had the best representation with 8 family participants. Other items discussed include update to Visitation Policy which will now be posted to the public for review & comments. Susan will send the link to all family members if they wish to sign up via email. Also discussed was mattresses. Six (6) different mattress types are currently being tested and SCCC is one of the participating facilities. Testing will continue a few more months before review for final implementation. Van pools and hotel vouchers were briefly discussed as well. For full details, the SFC minutes are expected to be out in about 1 ½ weeks. Susan will send out to all family members when they are completed.
- Request for LFC bi-monthly meetings to resume – State Rep Cooksey shared that the State Reps asked to have the LFC bi-monthly meetings resume as there is much to discuss in addition to the COVID-19 teleconferences. Jeneva Cotton was in favor of this decision and shared with the executive committee. Secretary Sinclair is currently reviewing this request.

## Pre-Submitted Questions - None

## Additional Questions

### Question 1

Per D. Sifres, why do the COVID-19 teleconferences need to be conducted weekly? Is it possible to combine the weekly teleconferences with our regular LFC meetings if we are permitted to resume those via teleconference or some other option like this?

#### Answer

Associate Penrose shared that she sent an email to Jeneva Cotton requesting that the COVID-19 teleconferences be reduced from weekly to twice monthly and to reinstate our every other month regular LFC meetings via teleconference. This information will be shared with the family members when it is received.

\*\*P. Perkinson from HQ stated that we have the authority to change the COVID-19 LFC teleconferences on our own. There was 100% voting from participating family members during the teleconference today to change our teleconferences from weekly to the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month beginning August 12<sup>th</sup>. Two calendar invites were sent out on 7-23-20 by LFC Facility Secretary Tatro; one for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month and the other for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, so that the dates remain correct during those months that have 5 weeks.\*\*

### Question 2

D. Sifres states she heard there was staff member(s) who attended a local pub where a worker tested COVID-19 positive.

#### Answer

Associate Penrose stated that a few staff members were involved who were quarantined, but tested negative for the COVID-19 virus. SCCC continues to have 0 positive cases for staff and incarcerated individuals.

### Question 3

Education - B. Duschene inquired about Education's protocol for those incarcerated individuals programming for GED's, VOC and AA degrees. She also inquired about the education TA's due to social distancing guidelines.

#### Answer

Associate Penrose stated that we will invite J. Peterson from Education to address questions at our August 12<sup>th</sup> teleconference. \*\*Jayme Peterson, GHC Dean of Education for Corrections, will be present during our August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to address any education related questions\*\*

### Question 4

Per B. Duschene, due to no Visitation and not being able to use the vending machines, can there be options to change items listed on the commissary on behalf of SCCC's population?

#### Answer

A staff member from CI will be invited to participate during our August 12<sup>th</sup> teleconference and address these types of questions from the family members. \*\*Facility Secretary Tatro has reached out to CI HQ so that a staff member can be on our August 12<sup>th</sup> teleconference call to address questions.\*\*

### Question 5

B. Duschene asked about the prospect of family members donating movies to be viewed on Channel 25.

#### Answer

Associate Penrose states there is no process at this time for family members to send in movies. This has been reviewed but not instituted at this time.

### Question 6

B. Duschene inquired about Channel 25 and why the movies played are the same ones over and over.

#### Answer

Associate Penrose reiterated that SCCC uses a 5 disc player system and that the movies are set up to play at different times, but may not be changed out as frequently as everyone would like. We have staff members who assist with the movies, but sometimes other job duties take precedence over the Channel 25 movies. We do not have staff available to monitor the disc player & movies at all times. Sometimes we repeat the same movies so that those incarcerated individuals that work all day can view them after working hours.

### Question 7

J. Revay asked if the Food Services Manager will be at the next meeting to address questions involving the Kitchen.

#### Answer

FSM5 Attard will be invited to address questions during our August 12<sup>th</sup> teleconference. He is currently on vacation through the end of this month.

### Comments/Closing

- If a situation arises that requires us to set up an additional LFC COVID-19 teleconference on a date other than those set up twice monthly, we will gladly schedule another teleconference to discuss those urgent matters that can't wait until the next appointed teleconference call.