

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: WCC

Date and Time: 9/3/2020, 1300

Attendees

Dan White – Superintendent
Dean Mason- Associate Superintendent
Justin Schlagel- Correctional Program Manager-Facilitator
Penny Marquart- AA3 to Associate Mason –Recorder
Mike Eby – Community Correctional Specialist
Matthias Gyde – Assistant Ombuds
Kathleen “Casey” Carlsen – Health Services Manager
Laquesha Turner - Ombuds
Portia Linear – WCC Representative for Statewide Family Council
Kaishanna Sounders – WCC LFC Secretary.
Jasmine Bernardez
Amy Grubaugh
Wendy Schindler

Weekly Update

5 in Isolation, 54 in Quarantine, 35 Floor Sleepers.

CPM Schlagel- Regional Care Facility (RCF). Still open with one individual. There are no plans for additional people.

We had a food fundraiser going on today.

Associate Superintendent Mason – We are working with a church in West Olympia to get books. We picked up 4 pallets of books. The church is having a book drive. Once get those, we will distribute them.

Superintendent White – I hope everyone had a chance to watch our Department’s Press Conference today. It was very informative and accurate. We work hard to keep everyone safe.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Racus – Can one microwave be added to each tier in Cedar? With COVID and the offenders eating in their cells, they are trying to reheat their meals that come to them lukewarm and they sometimes have to wait up to 45 minutes to get to the microwave.

Answer: CPM Schlagel – The electrical system in the units cannot support additional microwaves. We are looking at a new schedule – Time frame for delivery.

Racus – I asked last week about lights for the big yard. It’s my understanding that there is a large generator that is running 24/7 for the RCF, and is not being used to its full potential. Could lights be run from it for the big yard at little or no cost? It’s important for the offenders to get out, especially those that work during the day and can’t go out to the yard from 7:30am to 5:00pm.

Answer: CPM Schlagel – The generator is for the RCF. We understand that recreation is important and we are looking at options.

Racus – Is there an update on the group/committee of staff that were looking at the visiting room to report back to Olympia to possibly get the visiting room ready for visits?

Answer: CPM Schlagel – The group is still working on the possibility. When we get more information, we will pass it on to you.

Question 1

Linear: I am reaching out to other State Reps about going to meetings to address rumors. Can we get a list of the things that are talked about in the Tier Rep meetings?

Answer: Superintendent White- Yes.

Question 2

Linear: Will inmates come in early when it starts to get dark early?

Answer: CPM Schlagel – Yes, once the lights come on outside, they need to come in. It is a visibility issue.

Question 3

Racus: Follow-up question- Would it be possible to bring in lights that run on fuel?

Answer: Superintendent, Dan White – We could look into that.

No further questions.

Comments/Closing

Still looking for a Co-Chair.

Next LFC COVID update Teleconference is September 10th.

Next LFC Teleconference meeting is tentatively set for October 22nd.

Please send any pre-submitted questions and agenda items to Penny Marquart.