



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: WCCW Date: 9/22/19 Time: 1330

Teleconference details: N/A

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Supt. Deborah Wofford Family co-chair: Janet Moriarty

Facility/council secretary: Melissa Johnson, AA4 Family secretary, if applicable: Renee Hafzalla

Members present: Supt. Deborah J. Wofford, CPM Vaaia Gains, CPPC Janet Zimmerman, Visit Sgt. Erika Brown, Recreation Director Carrie Hesch, Statewide FC Member Jason Rice Paul Gillespie, Community Outreach Coordinator Laurie Dawson, Lynda Powers, Babs Robuts; Cindy Robinson; Kris Corny; Hannah Firth, Linda Wojaechowski; Susan Sherman, Kyla Jones, Paula Bond

Non-council member attendees: N/A

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Shoes	<p>There has been a complaint that the Union Supply catalog does not carry enough running shoes for women. They currently only carry three types of tennis shoes for women.</p> <p>Also an exception to policy was submitted and denied by HQ.</p>	Union Supply has agreed to carry three more types of shoes and will be implementing them very soon.

New business

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Election Announcement	<p>Participation in family councils is encouraged, though strictly voluntary for all, except designated employees.</p> <p>Each family council officer will serve for a term of one year, tough officers may be reelected to serve up to 3</p>	A Meeting will take place in October to elect new members of the council and the meetings for 2020 will be set and submitted to Melissa for posting on the Web.

	<p>consecutive terms on the same council.</p> <p>Attendees may participate and provide input during a family council meetings, but only council members have voting privileges.</p> <p>Department/facility co-chairs will not vote.</p> <p>Local family councils will consist of:</p> <p>the Superintendent as the facility co-chair a family co-chair by majority vote a facility secretary appointed by the facility co-chair a family secretary elected by majority vote an SFC council member elected by majority vote.</p>	
<p>CPPC Introduction</p>	<p>Janice Zimmerman was introduced as the new Community Partnership Program Coordinator of WCCW. She was asked what were the upcoming fundraisers were going to be for the facility? She reported they are mostly food and that they work with vendors for those requests and reiterated this is a way for the women to give back to their communities.</p> <p>Special events: Family members would like to participate by volunteering during these events. Currently this conflicts with poicy.</p>	<p>Family council members would like to participate by volunteering during events. Currently this conflicts with policy. Need to put a group together to review policy.</p> <p>Figure out how to fix the fact that moring visits on Saturday mornings are always cancelled during special events. Monday visits are open to everyone, why not on Saturday?</p>
<p>Yakima County Jail</p>	<p>Discussion was had about the criteria for those to go to Yakima.</p> <p>It was explained that those with a medial or legal hold will not be transferred.</p> <p>having success with the TC program at YCJ. When the women are there for 6-8 months</p>	

	in TC, they return and are able to resume other programming.	
Legislative Update	<p>Laurie Dawson gave an update stating that 5876 womens division may not understand custody classification. working from a county level for reducing incarceration from a court level.</p> <p>New assessment was disucssed to include the Mandela & Bankok rules in which the system is designed for men. Command B is designed for Women.</p> <p>Good news is that the ACLU has come out with Justice Strategies for women</p> <p>WCCW Womens village sent Laurie a surcvey stating that the alignment with staff and family council is important.</p>	
Miscellanieous	<p>We need more involvement in the family council.</p> <p>Friday chains are always late due to the scanning of the incarcerated individuals. What can we do to change this?</p> <p>.What happened to the examples of acceptable photos? can we get them posted again?</p>	Nominations are held in October for new elected members.
Vending Machine	Our vending machine is broken again in the visiting room. It is always broken and has bad food.	Supt. will follow up with the vendor.
MSU Policy changes	the recent changes are creating MOU restrictions for well behaved population and it is damaging. there was an advocacy there were 25 women we can move to the hill. MI2 women who have never been in MSU have learned how to maintain in this population.	

Roundtable open discussion

Next meeting location: WCCW Date: 11-17-19 Time: 1330

Comments: _____

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