

FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: MCCCW via Microsoft Teams Date: 02-20-25 Time: 1700

Teleconference details: _____

MEETING ATTENDEES

William Swain
Department/facility co-chair

Family co-chair

Theresa Boyer
Facility/council secretary

Family secretary, if applicable

Members present: _____

Non-council member attendees: Tonie Williams-Irby 350955, Hawley, Sheela 437590, Courtney Robbins, Stephanie Olson, Casey Carlson, Stacy Lough, Megan Pirie, Zach Kinneman

AGENDA

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
Facility Count	171	
Bras	Bra message from HQ	The department has sourced a vendor for the sports bras. Once the bras come in, the I/I's will be able to exchange one V bra for one sports bra initially. Supt. Swain assured the group everyone would initially receive one bra.
Visit Vending Machines	Theresa spoke with the delivery driver, and they are stocking the machines with foods that are similar to WCCW now.	The machines have been updated.

New business

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Stephanie - Would like update on dog and cat program. Is dog program being moved to TC? - Toaster oven for visiting	The dog program has been moved to Bear Unit and the cats that were from the Humane Society of Mason County in Bear Unit are now all in Gold Unit. Bear Unit still has cats from Kitsap Humane Society. The Toaster oven for visit has been ordered.	
CPM Robbins - Programs - Education	There have been no new programs, but the programs we do have are going strong. There are several groups that have decided to wait to see if we will	

*Megan asked if OCC has started college courses yet? *Stacy asked about vocational testing	close before they come back in or not. Scarlet Road, IF Project and Quilting all going well, Foundations in Gardening to start soon. OCC has been able hire teachers to get the classes going. Robbins will check more into this, but yes, there are some classes. CPM Robbins explained about the TRAC program, AJAC and the Foundations in Gardening. Megan shared with the group about PEPP – Pre-Employment Preparation Program in Spokane for those wishing to enter the building trades.	
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Roundtable open discussion

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Improvements/Projects for each yard - Robbins	• 12x12 gazebos for the yards coming, Zen garden Smudging area • We have 2 new green houses to begin starts for this year's produce • The entire Mission Unit building now has a new roof. • There is a new mobile dental unit for the camps but need to hire a dentist. • Gold Unit is in the final stages of approval for replacing the heating unit. • The RSAT program has expanded. The have hired a Psych. Assoc. for Bear Unit. • We are now in the planning stages of bringing suboxone to the facility which will enable us to grow our population.	
Ms. Chavez	Appreciates the new curriculum in TC; it's longer and more up to date. The ladies are saying it is more relatable.	

Ms. Williams-Irby	Has been incarcerated for 16 years and understands the dynamics of WCCW but wants MCCCW to stay open. She feels like we are going forward and closing us would stop this growth in the Women's Division.	
Stephanie	Reminded everyone to reach out to the legislators. When she writes to them, she hears back from them. She also said I/I's at WCCW are looked upon as a number, but at MCCCW they are looked upon as a person and appreciates this.	
Swain	The superintendent thanked everyone for attending.	

Next meeting location: Microsoft Teams Date: 4-17-2025 Time: 1700

Comments: _____

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