

**CALIPATRIA STATE PRISON
INMATE FAMILY COUNCIL
November 21, 2014**

In attendance: Warden, Warren Montgomery; Chief Deputy Warden, Belinda Hedrick; Watch Captain, J. Kellerrmen; Visiting Lieutenant, Lt. Sigler; Administrative Assistant/Public Information Officer, Everado Silva; Family Visiting Officer, J. Gonzalez; B. L. Paul; Community Resource Manager, C. Macias; IFC Members: Chair, Stasha Crawford, C Yard; Co-Chair, Chrissy Gallegos, A Yard; Secretary, Kayla Higgins. A regular meeting of the Inmate Family Council (IFC) was held and called to order at 4:00 PM at Calipatria State Prison (CAL.)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken
Warden's Comments	<p>Warden: Letter Quick has been extended and is being reviewed.</p> <p>Facility A's Enhanced Program is progressing slowly but is up and running. TVs are installed and working, microwaves are set up, and tablets are being sold.</p>	
Old Business	<p><u>WEDDINGS / SUPPORTING DOCUMENT</u></p> <p>IFC: We would like to see a clearer flow chart for marriages.</p> <p>Warden: I will review the flow chart to see what can be done to simplify it.</p>	
New Business	<p><u>MAILROOM/LETTER QUICK</u></p> <p>IFC: Does Letter Quick interfere with the processing of other mail?</p> <p>Warden: Letter Quick does not affect the processing time of other mail.</p> <p><u>VOCATIONAL/SELF-HELP PROGRAMS:</u></p> <p>IFC: How does an inmate inquire about missing certificates?</p> <p>Warden: The inmate can fill out and turn in a Form 22 to the principal. The education department will look into the missing certificates.</p> <p><u>DRUG PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION</u></p> <p>The IFC met with the Acting Associate Director of the CDCR, C. Gipson, to discuss the implementation of the new Drug Program. The CDCR feels it is important to implement the program at CAL. An Electronic Ion Scanner and Passive-Alert Canines will be introduced in December, 2014. No exact start-up date has been set as of now. The CDCR will provide documentation</p>	

once date has been set. Ms. Gipson allowed the IFC the opportunity to see how the Ion Scanner worked.

INMATE WELFARE FUND

The warden also held a joint meeting with the IFC and MAC Reps for all yards to discuss the Inmate Welfare Fund and how the funds should be spent. IFC requested that some of the funds be used to purchase components necessary to repair the tables and chairs in the visiting room due to the lack of funds to replace them as well as purchase additional items that would make the visiting more enjoyable.

MAC reps requested more information of how the money could be spent and an extension to determine how they would want the funds spent so that they could discuss it with their corresponding yards. The warden gave the MAC reps a deadline of December 5, 2014 because the MAC reps lacked the applicable information necessary to make the appropriate decisions at that time.

CHRISTMAS

The IFC decorated all of the yards for the holidays. Candy canes are allowed to be brought in by the IFC members. Visitors and inmates are allowed to eat them during visiting hours.

IFC: We would like to give out candy bags on Christmas Day.

Warden: I am in agreement with passing out candy bags.

Next IFC meeting: February 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.



Stasha Crawford
Inmate Family Council Chair



W. L. Montgomery
Warden Calipatria State Prison