General OCO Announcements:

Joanna- DOC is only going to be on the calls on Mondays and Thursdays. There is still a purpose to having a phone call to share external information even between us:

* We want a better idea on what’s happening on the ground at the facilities.
* We are trying to gather this information in a meaningful way.
* We are updating webpage to reflect conversation notes and questions.
* Columbia legal did launch a lawsuit- this information is posted on our website also.
* I am tracking what other state prisons are doing because states view each other in comparison, to consider possible actions to take.
* Staff was on the webinar for COVID crisis for inside of the corrections department. Will link the webinar once it is posted.
* We are looking at the CDC standards. We will be moving into an evaluation stage in comparison to the standards.

DOC Answers or updates- Joanna

* Commissary is continuing despite the rumor at SCCC it’s not.
* All mail is not being stopped- union supply orders are still happening.
* DOC has lifted all restrictions for video visiting. If you have been restricted please reapply or ask again. [Rachael later clarified that if someone received an infraction for misuse of the video visit, they may not have the video visit reinstated. It is unclear which restrictions would be lifted, then, so Joanna recommends re-applying.]
* The mail process has been expedited in several facilities. Jeremy and Page have asked it to be facility wide.
* Joanna asked and Rob Herzog agreed that in light of the suspension of local family council meetings, Superintendents should hold conference calls with families to relay facility-specific information. Superintendents will reach out for family counsel meetings let us know when scheduled.
* 71 tests have been completed and 41 are negative; the rest are pending.

Questions:

* Will we only get 30min or will be allotted more time since it’s gone down to two days, that DOC will be on the call
* Can we check CCU unit they aren’t able to make video visits apparently Wi-Fi is down?
* Can we ask DOC & Jpay about AHCC, can we extend time for video visits they give them?
* AHCC & CRCC got memo saying all CI workers will be screened. Are they talking about everyone there or the ones that work at the food factories? They are being told at the factory to wash their hands every hour. No mask, no temp. was this memo for non-inmate staff?
* How many phone calls are we having are DOC and OCO hosting the same calls?
* Can those with the forbidden 3 have communications?
* Joanna why aren’t the facilities following the guidelines uniformly?

Comments/concerns:

* If you had an infraction with Jpay limitations then the restriction wouldn’t be lifted-per Rachel DRW.
* SCCC has more time slots for video visits daily. Then 3hrs in the morning- 3hrs in evening. Now 7am -9pm
* AHCC M unit they do have every other phone blocked off. Cleaning is every hour unfortunately; the inmates are being forced to use their own towels to clean. Reports of the start of in cell feeding. If they don’t self-regulate they are on lock down. Threats that if the 6ft distancing isn’t followed they are enforcing major infractions.
* The main units are on lock down. They get only one hour out.
* CBCC is on lock down due to violence brought on by CO not changing gloves.
* I don’t like the idea of splitting up the calls. DOC needs to held accountable across the board. We should have a liaison and our own secretary to make sure our concerns are recorded and displayed appropriately for the public this is important. So, everyone is heard.
* Joanna- I want everyone to be able to speak to me directly and share their concerns, I will be asking my staff to also set up facility specific calls.
* We need to figure out why they aren’t following the recommendations across the board. Families want answers to clear questions. You always say you will get back to us.
* Joanna we depend on you because we believe that you have more powers and closer connection to the governor. The issue is DOC has dropped a big ball on our loved ones and they don’t give straight answers even now. They need to listen and abide to their own policies and be held accountable. It’s not things towards you, we want to know they are being taken of accordingly and they are not.