



JJPOC Commissary Subgroup Meeting

MARCH 10TH, 2023

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Meeting Summary:

1. Updates were presented by chairs.

- There was a discussion surrounding the workgroup's need for new chairs.
- JJPOC approved the new commissary plan, and it is now in legislation and will hopefully pass.
- The commissary workgroup has from March until July to create and implementation plan with DOC for the commissary. July to November can be used to work out the kinks in the plan.
- Looked at hygiene care packages and positive behavior incentives regarding commissary

2. Review of language in House Bill 6888 Section 4

- Contains several requirements:
 - Need to develop an Integrated Positive Behavior System
 - Revise policies and commissary system to integrate the Behavior System
 - Increase commissary incentives and range of products to maintain good health for all regardless of gender, race, religion, etc.
 - Identify those who do not have access to commissary (indigent) and immediately create system for them to get commissary
 - Increase access to Menstrual Products
 - Create system to transition funds to Adult facilities as Juveniles transition
 - Training and Assistance to staff
 - Continually look into quality of commissary and hold focus groups biannually for feedback
- Discussion regarding how it will be determined if Juveniles are indignant
 - This will be an internal review, \$5 is not a good threshold for some facilities and may be raised
 - No Juveniles at NYI were considered indigent under the current guidelines at time of meeting
 - Some DCF involved Juveniles receive stipend from DCF
 - Need to consider rising prices of products in commissary



- Noted that although Juveniles with disabilities may not be able to work they are paid to go to school
- Discussion regarding how commissary will be made accessible- will juveniles be given money to use how they want or given specific products?
- Discussion about utilizing CREK for training
 - Facilities will propose their own policies to address recommendations while also considering their population
- Noted that free menstrual products are given to all incarcerated and extra are available as well

Next Meeting: May 12th, 2023