



JJPOC Commissary Subgroup Meeting

APRIL 12TH, 2024

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Attendance:

Adela Rusi

Michael Pierce

TYJI Staff

Brittany LaMarr

Craig Washington

Rafal Matuszczak

Paul Klee

Eulalia Garcia

Tammy Perreault

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Meeting Summary:

1. PBIS Implementation Update:

- DOC has not allowed youth to utilize their own funds for commissary purchases since the implementation of the new PBIS system.
 - DOC is waiting to receive written clarification from legislation before altering the implementation plan.
 - Youth not being able to utilize their personal funds is a continued concern for DOC.
 - Youth are asking questions and voicing displeasure about not being able to use personal funds for commissary purchases.
- Youth are still earning points for behavior that they can utilize for commissary purchases.
- Overall, the PBIS system has been beneficial.
- Legislation is considering altering the plan to allow youth to use their own funds and have the point system be viewed as a supplementary earning system for youth who do not have access to personal monetary funds.
 - Legislation pertaining to the alteration of the PBIS Implementation Plan is moving to the legislative floor next week.
 - Updates will be brought to DOC regarding the status of these changes.
- Incidences relating to the inability to use personal funds persist.
 - Theft, among other incidences, is prominent.



- Implementation and staff knowledge of the new system continues to improve as time

passes.

- It is being requested that the direct correlation between reported incidences and the inability for youth to utilize their personal funds for the commissary will be documented.
- It has been recommended to DOC that the indigency threshold be raised from \$5.00 to \$20.00.
 - Inmate Accounts has compiled data metrics for keeping indigency amounts the same, increasing indigency amounts to \$10.00 or \$20.00.
 - To avoid any discrimination, increasing indigency threshold would need to be applied agency wide, not just for youth.
 - An analysis of future costs for DOC to raise the indigency threshold was created and reviewed.
 - Any budget alterations that are passed by legislation would not go into effect until July 1, 2024, the start of the new fiscal year.