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From: **Brittany V.** <brimvaz93@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 7, 2024 at 6:17 PM

Subject: Re: Please Review- Draft Response to DOC re Civic Engagement from the DOC

To: Terrell Peters <terrell@dcjusticelab.org>

Good evening,

I reviewed the letter and think it is very well written!

As promised, I reached out to a former colleague to ensure my understanding of access to the tablets is correct. I have confirmed the following:

1. Residents of the CTF and CDF have access to facetime/video visitation on the tablets. They have to pay for video visitation, but the tablets would provide a medium for the residents to participate in hearings. The residents use the tablets and wifi to access different educational content, so there should not be an issue if they periodically utilize the tablets to sign on and testify at hearings.
2. All units are supposed to have tablets. However, on one of the medical units they only had 1 or 2 that would be rotated between the residents. This began to cause issues, so they removed the tablets from that unit, all together. When the opportunity to testify arises, I am sure not every resident will sign up to testify. Therefore, I see no barrier in allowing them to use the tablets to speak at an occasional hearing as there is no barrier to them currently using the tablets for educational and recreational purposes.
3. The rooms in the hallways of the CDF units are still available for use and are primarily used for nurses to conduct sick call.
4. In CDF, residents are able to travel to the visitation hall or other areas of the jail with a pass and without escort. Therefore, if a resident needs to move from the unit to another area to participate in a hearing, they will be able to do so on their own and no staff will be needed.

I hope this is helpful.

Please let me know if we will meet in Stacy's absence or resume when she returns.

Have a good evening!

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From: "Brittany V." <brimvaz93@gmail.com>
Date: March 20, 2025 at 3:38:53 PM EDT
To: Terrell Peters <terrell@dcjusticelab.org>
Subject: Re: Possible use of quote

Hi Terrell,

Case managers' offices are located in the housing units in, both, CDF and CTF. Case managers have access to virtual meeting platforms, such as Teams and Zoom and would be able to facilitate the participation of their clients in council hearings. Case managers are responsible for ensuring clients maintain contact with attorneys and have accessibility to services and basic necessities. Allowing incarcerated individuals to participate in council hearings is crucial as it will aid in their transition back into society and allow for councilmembers to understand the conditions faced in CDF and CTF. Just as case managers schedule time to facilitate phone calls for their clients, they can schedule for their clients to participate in council hearings.

Let me know if this is ok or if you need other information.

Thank you,
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