

June 13, 2014

To: Jeff Wise, Executive Director
From: Davin Robinson, Executive Secretary to the Advisory Council
Re: Advisory Council Recommendations

The Justice Center Advisory Council is authorized by the *Protection of People with Special Needs Act* to provide guidance to the Justice Center in the development of policies, programs and regulations. The Advisory Council formed five committees to make recommendations to the full Council, which has the authority to advise the Executive Director. The following recommendations emerged from Committee meetings held in May and June 2014 and were approved, unanimously, by the full Advisory Council at the June 12, 2014 meeting.

1. The 2015-16 State Budget must include the proposed two percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and State Oversight Agencies should evaluate reimbursement rates to ensure that all providers under jurisdiction of the Justice Center are compensated for costs associated with implementation of the Protection of People with Special Needs Act.
2. Additional education should be provided to direct care workers and supervisors regarding the investigatory process, such as what to expect and what are your rights. This should be a multi-pronged approach including outreach materials such as posters, as well as trainings for providers to present to employees.
3. Revive the practice instituted by the Commission on Quality of Care regarding “could this happen” case studies for providers as a resource on abuse prevention.
4. The Justice Center should review and release trends in Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) as part of its abuse prevention efforts.