

Justice Center Abuse Prevention Committee

MEETING SCHEDULE/AGENDA - June 7 and 8, 2022

1. June 7, 2022, 1pm-2:30pm
 - Welcome
 - PQI Updates (30 min)
 - Best Practices updates- Responding to Medical Emergencies and Best Practices for Effective Medical Care (10 min)
 - Best Practices updates – Supervision (10 min)
 - Breakout sessions (30 min): Prevention Products and Ideas- to review existing prevention products and identify ideas for revised or new products.
 - Wrap Up (10 min)

2. June 8, 2022, 1pm-2:30 pm
 - IMU presentation (30 min)
 - Professional Boundaries/Sex Abuse Project (30 min)
 - Sharing feedback with business units, Abuse Prevention mailbox (5 min)
 - Next steps (15 min)

Justice Center Abuse Prevention Committee Meetings Summary for June 2022

The Justice Center's internal abuse prevention committee is charged with identifying preventative actions that address conditions that cause or contribute to incidents of abuse and neglect. The committee met in June 2022. During these meetings, committee members working in different business units across the Justice Center received updates on corrective action plan audits conducted in 2022, systemic reviews underway and new prevention resources.

Corrective Action Plan Audits

The Justice Center conducted over 100 corrective action plan audits between January and May 2022. Approximately 48 percent of the corrective actions assessed were implemented. Corrective Action Plan audits have resulted in positive actions by provider agencies. One provider agency installed cameras in all public areas after repeated recommendations from the Justice Center.

Review of Food Choking Incidents

The Justice Center began visiting OPWDD providers at the end of January 2022 to review mealtimes as part of a multi-agency review of efforts by OPWDD providers to prevent incidents of choking on food. At the time of the meeting the Justice Center had completed documentation review and site visits for 6 voluntary residential and day treatment providers. The Justice Center is working with OPWDD and their Medical Task Force on the prevention of these types of choking incidents. More site visits are scheduled and underway. A final report should be issued before the end of the year.

Professional Boundary Issues at OASAS Providers

Since 2020, the Justice Center has conducted 35 corrective action plan audits at OASAS providers for cases involving substantiated allegations of sexual abuse and/or failure to maintain professional boundaries. The Justice Center is working with the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to identify ways to reduce these incidents. The Justice Center and OASAS recently met with a group of addiction providers who are similarly concerned about this issue. At this meeting, the Justice Center shared recommendations to bolster an agency's abuse prevention efforts in professional boundaries. These recommendations can be found on the Justice Center's website at: [recommendations-for-professional-boundaries-final.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#).

New Prevention Products

Two new toolkits were recently added to the Justice Center's website. One toolkit provides guidance to provider agencies about how to prepare a corrective action plan audit and the other toolkit is on responding to medical emergencies. These new prevention resources were featured during the Justice Center Summit in April. Justice Center staff have also been doing conference presentations on these new tools. These toolkits can be found on the Justice Center's website at: [Medical Emergencies | Justice Center for the Protection of People With Special Needs \(ny.gov\)](#) and [sop-caps-full.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#).