

Onondaga County Justice Center Oversight Committee



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Statement from the Office of Diversity and Inclusion



In 2020 our country, the region, and the world were at the epicenter of enormous transformational change. COVID 19, the death of George Floyd, and the outcry for racial and social justice forced the world to begin the process of collectively working together to institute change.



The Justice Center was no exception. Some of the Justice Center staff, along with JCOC members, began the process of looking at COVID-19 protocols, vaccine availability both for employees and the men and women who are housed at the Justice Center. There were meaningful conversations with the jail's medical vendor NaphCare about healthcare, and members cleared a backlog of more than 90 Justice Center complaint cases.

As JCOC members continue the important work of bringing meaningful dialogue and change to the Justice Center, they are also committed to engaging in critical conversations regarding diversity, inclusion, and equity at the justice center. The Onondaga County Office of Diversity and Inclusion stands ready to assist them with these efforts.

In closing, we would like to say THANK YOU to the members of the Justice Center Oversight Committee for all of your hard work. Your work does not go unnoticed and we appreciate each and every one of you.

Sincerely,



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Justice Center Oversight Committee Members 2020

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Justice Center Oversight Committee: Mission

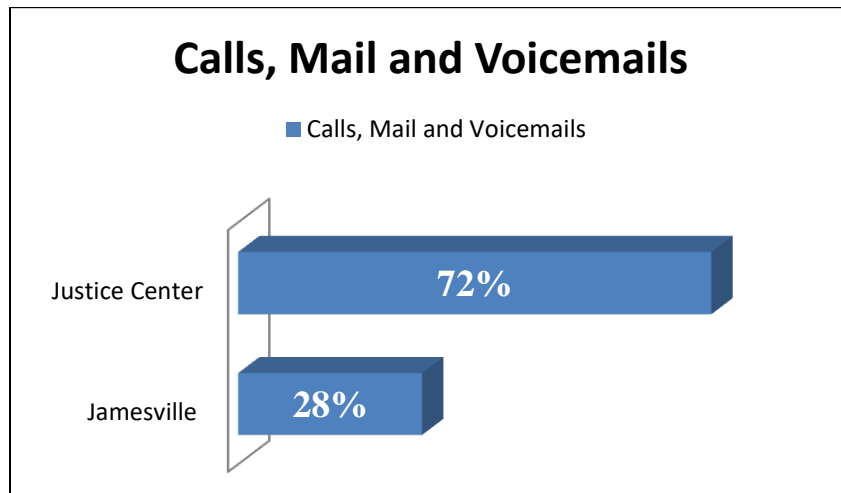
The mission of the JCOC is to ensure the men and women housed at the Patrick J. Corbett Justice Center are treated in a manner consistent with the United States Constitution; to review and investigate complaints at the Justice Center from incarcerated individuals, their loved ones and other interested parties and make recommendations of change based on such complaints to the Onondaga County Sheriff and Onondaga County Legislature.

The Justice Center Oversight Committee sends its recommendations to the Sheriff, the County Executive, the Onondaga County Legislature and other key community leaders, with the hope of keeping staff, civilian staff and those incarcerated safe. The JCOC recommendations target Justice Center policy, procedure and training. Members do not make recommendations related to the discipline of jail staff.

Highlights from 2020

- JCOC members resolved and closed more than 90 serious complaints dating back to 2016 from men and women housed at the Justice Center.
- In 2020 there were no new JCOC cases opened and committee members did not make any recommendations to the County Sheriff. Instead the committee worked diligently to address the backlog of JCOC cases. Prior to the annual report, members in 2019 put forth five recommendations of change to the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office regarding policy, procedure and training.
- JCOC members met bimonthly with Justice Center Custody Command administrators regarding concerns or issues associated with the operations and functions of the jail.
- Recruited three professionals to the oversight committee, bringing the number of members to nine.

Justice Center and Jamesville 2020 Total Intake Contacts - 763



Justice Center Intake Complaints: 553

• Medical	82
• Conditions	77
• Lawyer Issue/Complaint	52
• Mental Health	43
• COVID-19	42
• Inmate Requests/Assistance	39
• Grievances	36
• Staff Bias/Harassment	29
• Info/Logistics	28
• Inmate Information/Request	25
• Excessive Force	22
• Unspecified	22
• Discipline	16
• Food/Religious Accommodation	8
• Bail	8
• Food/General	6
• Visitation	5
• JCOC Case Inquiry	5
• Inmate Property	4
• Disability Accommodation	4

Jamesville Correctional Facility Intake Complaints: 210

- Medical 51
- Conditions 45
- Grievances 22
- Inmate Requests/Assistance 19
- Information/Logistics 19
- Lawyer Issue/Complaint 15
- Excessive Force 7
- Food/Religious Accommodations 6
- Mental Health 5
- Unspecified 5
- Food/General 4
- COVID-19 3
- Staff Bias/Harassment 3
- Law Library 2
- Disability Accommodation 2
- Discipline 2

