

## Justice Center Top Official Directing Internal Investigations of Deaths of the Disabled

Acting Executive Director of Governor Cuomo's Justice Center abuse and death hotline, Jay Kiyonaga, has directed the internal investigations of deaths

DELMAR, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, September 12, 2016 / EINPresswire.com/ --Governor Cuomo continues to do nothing to stop or prevent the staggering numbers of deaths of the disabled, or stop the internal investigations and the criminal cover-ups of deaths. New York State's mental health care system remains extremely dangerous and deadly as a direct result of this gross incompetence. Staggering numbers of deaths continue in both State and private residential facilities and group homes throughout New York State. Eleven to twelve people with disabilities or those struggling with mental illness are dying on average every day in New York State alone. There are distinct reasons why so many are dying, but top State leaders do not seem to care

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/06/nyregio n/at-state-homes-simple-tasks-and-fatalresults.html. There is a crisis and nothing



Jonathan Carey "Champion for the Disabled" Born September 12,1993 Killed by caregivers on February 15,2007

whatsoever is being done to stop these horrors and in many cases premature deaths, like the tragic death of 13 year old Jonathan Carey <u>http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/06/nyregion/boys-death-highlights-crisis-in-homes-for-disabled.html</u> -

http://www.nytimes.com/video/nyregion/10000000849083/a-failure-to-protect.html . Governor

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Cuomo, with the assistance of Attorney General Schneiderman continue to look the other way regarding this wide-scale discrimination and criminal cover-ups of deaths <u>http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/10/opinion/protecting-the-</u> <u>most-vulnerable.html</u>. Both Governor Cuomo and Attorney General Schneiderman continue to allow provider agencies to bypass calling 911 and local authorities. Both Governor Cuomo and Attorney General Schneiderman with full

knowledge purposefully continue to allow provider agencies to investigate the deaths occurring in their own facilities

https://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/sites/default/files/documents/JusticeCenterDeathReportingClarificati

on12-17-15.pdf . As you will see from this State document the acting Executive Director of Cuomo's supposed <u>Justice Center</u>, Jay Kiyonaga has directed the internal investigations of deaths. Here is the exact quote, "State and private providers should continue to review/investigate deaths in their programs, unless informed otherwise by the Justice Center."

This insanity and discrimination must be stopped now and federal investigations and intervention must swiftly happen to stop this horrific discrimination and the criminal cover-ups of staggering numbers of deaths. New York State is operating lawlessly and without regard to the safety, health or lives of people with disabilities. These individuals literally have no chance of resuscitation if 911 is not immediately called when they are in medical distress. How most deaths literally disappear and are covered up starts with initially bypassing the 911 emergency call centers. As everyone is aware, the 911 emergency call systems were set up and put in place to assist and protect everyone, not to negate the disabled or any specific group of people. Top New York State leaders apparently think covering up deaths of our most vulnerable is just fine, but it is not fine and it must be stopped. Bypassing local police, bypassing County elected District Attorney's, bypassing New York State laws and bypassing Medical Examiners and Coroners, regarding large numbers of deaths of people with disabilities speaks clearly of wide-scale discrimination and criminal cover-ups. Many of these precious people are dying extremely young in known unsafe facilities and group homes and have no diagnosed terminal illness. Currently, most deaths, are purposefully kept from local police and County Elected District Attorney's by a State agency operated by Governor Cuomo which was wrongfully titled the "Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs" or the Justice Center. Almost all deaths, reported to this fraudulent whitewash entity disappear.

According to the New York State Constitution under Article 1 of the Bill of Rights {Equal protection of laws; discrimination in civil rights prohibited} Section 11. It states "No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or any subdivision thereof." People with disabilities are equal members of New York State and are supposed to have the exact same rights that every other person of New York State receives and is entitled to. The question would be why would Governor Cuomo and Attorney General Schneiderman continue to treat the disabled differently and unequally? Major investigative reporting continues to expose New York State's discriminatory and deadly practices. Here are some very damning recent investigative reporting pieces by AP News

http://bigstory.ap.org/article/34c9c059196a4b70bc8ded92d2fbe4b7/9-deaths-no-charges-raisequestions-about-oversight-agency

http://bigstory.ap.org/article/27b17232ed3c41d1b79db9c444e0e484/new-protocol-agency-sent-death-reports-nowhere

and BuzzFeed News https://www.buzzfeed.com/benhattem/a-beating-at-

bellevue?utm\_term=.oj1lvblA3#.yoOORvO5P

https://www.buzzfeed.com/benhattem/legislators-and-advocates-call-for-overhaul-of-justicecente?utm\_term=.xbJ9MJ97Y#.avQR10R9M.

Bypassing 911 and local first responder medical and police services is obviously extremely dangerous and deadly, and this is how most reported deaths of the disabled are easily being covered-up. Independent local authorities are purposefully not notified and kept out of the picture so that key evidence such as independent written medical and police reports are not generated.

Stand with us for "equal rights" and "civil rights" for people with disabilities in New York State and throughout our great country by signing our petition at <u>www.jonathancareyfoundation.org</u>. No longer can 911 be bypassed, 911 call systems must be immediately called by all mandated reporters regarding all physical and sexual assaults, gross negligence of care, significant and suspicious injuries and when a person with a disability is in medical distress or has stopped breathing. <u>http://jonathancareyfoundation.org/donate/</u>

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