



JUSTICE IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

Jail Population Working Group Meeting #9

July 17, 2018

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1. **Welcome and update**
2. Judicial panel discussion
3. Closing and next steps

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 - a) Introductions**
 - b) Discussion questions**
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JUDICIAL PANEL DISCUSSION: INTRODUCTIONS

Judge Marcia Hirsch, Presiding Judge of the Queens Drug Treatment Court, DWI Treatment Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, and Drug Diversion Court.

Judge Toko Serita, New York State Acting Supreme Court Justice, presiding over three problem solving courts in Queens County Criminal Court: a drug court, a mental health recovery court, and the Queens Human Trafficking Intervention Court (HTIC).

Judge Joseph Zayas, Administrative Judge for the Supreme Court (Criminal Term) in Queens County, and Jail Population Reduction Working Group Co-Chair.

JUDICIAL PANEL DISCUSSION: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the biggest challenges that judges face when considering diversion options?
2. While treatment courts operate under a uniform set of practices, not all Criminal and Supreme Court judges are trained to handle cases involving drug use or mental illness in the same way. How can the City train judges more widely to address these types of cases?
3. We've heard in the past that "judges can only do so much" to divert individuals into alternative programming. How might we build more cooperation among prosecutors and defense attorneys to utilize ATIs moving forward?

JUDICIAL PANEL DISCUSSION: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (continued)

4. In your experience, how does program design (*e.g.*, eligibility criteria, specialized populations/addressing specific needs, length of mandate, *etc.*) influence the uptake of ATIs?
5. How can we improve knowledge-sharing and create a common understanding of available programs among court actors (*e.g.*, reporting between providers and court actors, speed of mitigation reports, matching processes, ease of access to programs, courtroom culture, *etc.*)?
6. What else can we do to reduce the jail population in New York City?

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