

Medical Alternatives to Incarceration: Health Liaison to the Court Advocates for Community Health and Health in All Policies

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Background / History

- 1989: First Drug Court established Miami, Florida
- 2004: NYC CHS creates medical discharge planning program
- 2005: NYC CHS creates HIV Continuum of Care Model (HCCM)
- 2007: HRSA SPNS Jail Linkages funds NYC HCCM using Health Liaison
- 2008: NYC CHS & Drug Court representatives establish collaborative
- 2012: 2,734 Drug Courts operating in every U.S. state and territory
- 2015: HRSA SPNS seeks to replicate the HCCM using Health Liaison

NYC Diversion Courts

Treatment courts – for those with first time non-violent felon charges; monitored by substance use treatment programs

Detox Treatment Alternatives to Prison (D-TAP) – for those facing felony charges; run by DA offices

Alternatives To Incarceration – court-mandated SATP placements monitored by justices

Judicial diversion programs – at the judge’s discretion (Article 216)

TASC (Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities) – facilitates Court mandated treatment for all populations; not available in Manhattan <http://nationaltasc.org/>

Health Liaison to the Court

Facilitates :

- Community alternatives to incarceration (ATI)
- Medical informed placements in lieu of continued incarceration:
 - Program placement (substance use treatment)
 - Compassionate release (skilled nursing / hospice care)

Service plans address:

- Individual health and social support needs
- Public safety

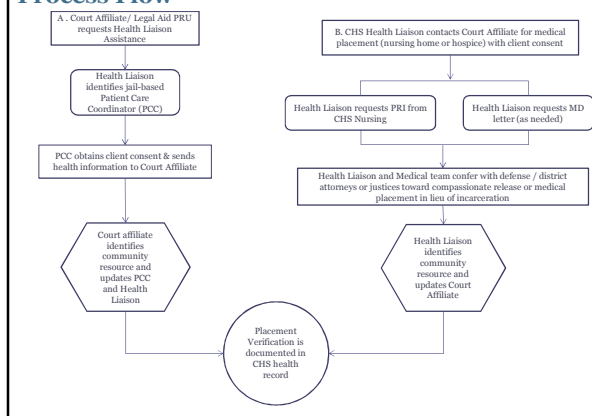
Health information:

- Medical summary, labs, TB screening and psycho-social history
- Patient Review Instrument (PRI) for nursing home placement
- Patient care management needs (letter from MD)

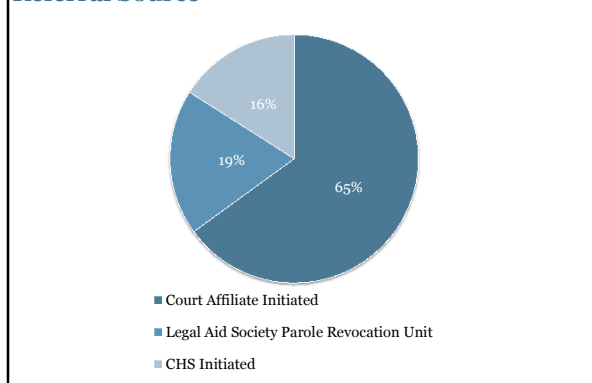
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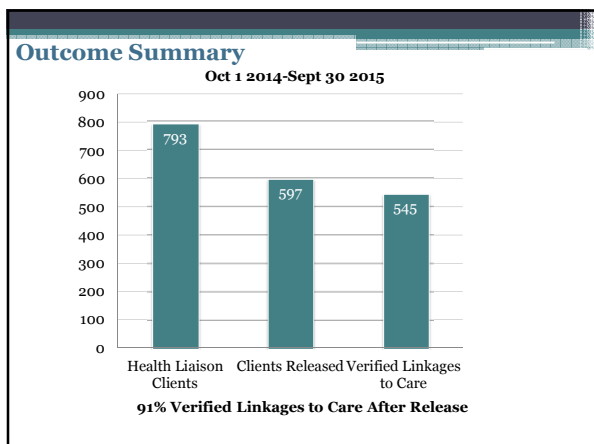
- Defense attorney, prosecutor, justices and jail health staff
- Community and jail providers

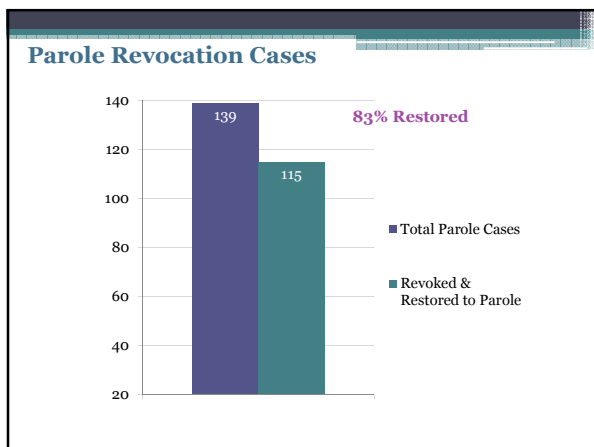
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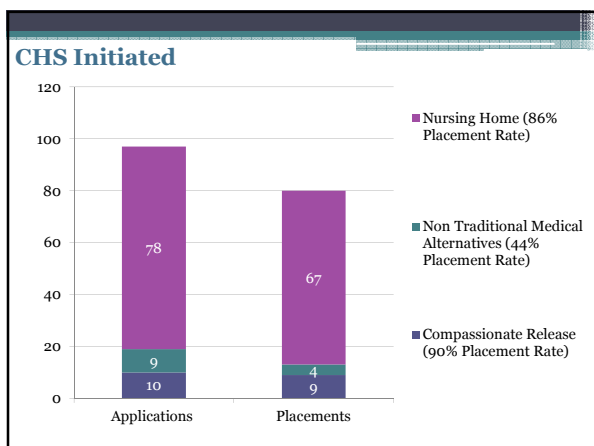


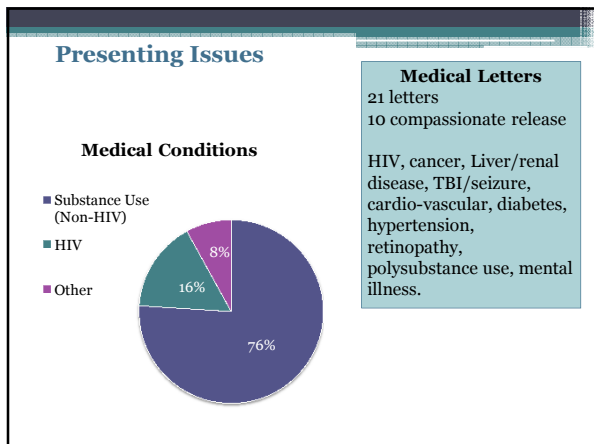
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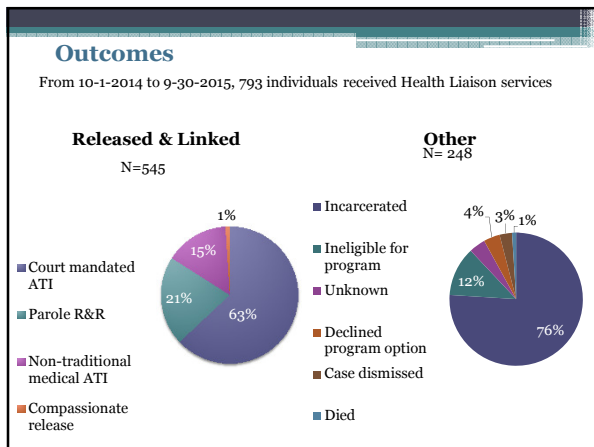












- ### Court Affiliates & Collaborators
- Legal Aid Society and Legal Aid Society Parole
 - Treatment Court
 - Treatment Accountably for Safer Communities (TASC)
 - The Bronx Defenders
 - Brooklyn Defender Services
 - Neighborhood Defender Services of Harlem
 - NY County Defender Services
 - Midtown Community Court
 - Drug Treatment Court (DTAP)
 - 18b Attorneys
 - Private Attorneys

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