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Use of Technology to Integrate Criminal Justice Re-entry and Mental Health Court Project

This presentation demonstrates the use of an Internet-based system to identify mentally ill detainees in any county jail, and expedite the re-entry process needed prior to release into their communities. This same system has been expanded to record data and statistical information for that individual if participation in a Mental Health Court Program is warranted. This creates a start-to-finish record of a criminal justice event and re-entry services record while utilizing technology and sharing capabilities.

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Kathleen M. Nee serves as the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health Jail Data Link Project Director for Cook and downstate counties, and the manager of Decision Support in the Central Office of the Division of Mental Health. Ms. Nee joined the Division of Mental Health in 1974 as a Personnel Assistant at Chicago-Read Mental Health Center. Over the next 20 years, Ms. Nee progressively served as a public servant in this division and was director of Human Resources from 1986 to 1999.

During her time as human resources director, Ms. Nee increasingly blended the use of technology with day to day operations, and ultimately advanced the use of technology in the clinical services arena with the Metro North Network of Greater Illinois. Ms. Nee continued efforts to blend technology with clinical systems to serve Illinois' mentally ill, with an emphasis on forensics and the jail/prison populations, with the determination to improve continuity of care, quality of life, and a recovery-oriented re-integration into their communities once released from jail.

Since that time, Ms. Nee has collaborated and established Jail Data Link Project partnerships with the Illinois Sheriff's Association, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Proviso 708 Board, Cook, Will, Jefferson, and Peoria county jails, and numerous community service providers.

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after being adjudicated as unfit for trial or acquitted after a finding of insanity. This responsibility includes oversight for five state-operated forensic inpatient programs servicing adults, directing outpatient forensic services for the Division of Mental Health.

Dr. Freeman's primary focus in recent years has been working in collaboration with key stakeholders in Illinois to further mental health care for individuals in jails and prisons. Two primary initiatives led by Dr. Freeman in this regard include his role as project director for the SAMHSA-funded Community Reintegration Collaborative - Jail Diversion Expansion Initiative in Cook County, and the technology-based Jail Data Link program that identifies and facilitates linkage services for individuals with serious mental illness who are detained in county jails.

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