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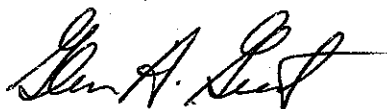
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Subj: Judiciary Responses to Questions from the April 30  
Assembly Budget Committee Hearing

Dear Mr. Rosen:

This is written in response to the May 1, 2014 letter from Assembly Budget Committee Chairman Schaer regarding two questions raised in the Judiciary's April 30, 2014 hearing by Assemblyman Mukherji. Both questions related to the availability of drug court beds. Our responses to the two questions are enclosed.

Very truly yours,



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Questions Posed by Assemblyman Mukherji:

(1) How many drug court beds are currently available Statewide?

Response:

The drug courts currently have access to an **average of 600 residential treatment beds per day** (consisting of 458 long-term residential (LTR) and 142 short-term residential (STR)) and also 380 halfway house (HWH) beds). A portion of these beds are contracted slots (contract between DHS and the provider) and a portion are on a fee for service basis (and thus open to other entities in addition to the drug courts). The overall total number of beds currently in use (residential and halfway house) thus is approximately 980, although the drug courts continue to have to wait between 30 to 90 days for both long-term residential and halfway house beds.

(2) With the anticipated expansion of the [mandatory] drug court program in FY 2015, how many drug court beds does the Judiciary expect will be available Statewide during the next fiscal year?

Response:

While the Judiciary has been working the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to secure additional treatment beds, only 64 additional beds (40 LTR, 24 HWH) will be available for drug court use by the July 1, 2014 start of FY 2015.

DMHAS will be issuing an RFP to add a further 200 beds (124 LTR and 73 HWH) during FY 2015. However, since that process depends entirely on service provider availability and interest, it is not clear whether that number of additional beds will be available. The goal is to have a total of 1241 beds available for use by the drug court program in FY 2015 – 764 residential treatment beds (622 LTR and 142 STR) and 477 Halfway House beds.

<b>NJ Adult Drug Court Program: Treatment Beds</b>				
	<b>Currently in Use</b>	<b>Available by 7/1/14</b>	<b>Beds to be Purchased in FY15, if available</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Long Term Residential	458	40	124	<b>622</b>
Short Term Residential	142	0	0	<b>142</b>
Half-way House	380	24	73	<b>477</b>
<b>Total Beds Needed for DC Program</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>1241</b>

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Dear Judge Grant:

During the Judiciary's hearing before the Assembly Budget Committee on April 30, 2014 you indicated that a written response would be forthcoming to the following questions raised by a member of the committee:

Assemblyman Mukherji:

- How many drug court beds are currently available Statewide?
- With the anticipated expansion of the drug court program in FY 2015, how many drug court beds does the Judiciary expect will be available Statewide during next fiscal year?

We would appreciate receiving this information within the next five working days so that it may be utilized by the committee during its continued deliberations. Your response should be directed to us through the following address:

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Sincerely,

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Assembly Budget Committee

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