**Court Leader’s Advantage Video Podcast Questions**

**Time Marker Sheet**

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| 2 minutes  10 seconds | Judge Leifman, your work emphasizes the need to divert individuals charged with certain crimes from jail to community-based mental health programs so they can receive treatment and continuing care. Since taking the bench, what have you learned about mental health and the criminal justice system? |
| 6 minutes  54 seconds | It almost goes without saying that jail is not the right place for the mentally ill, and yet I suspect that a lot of folks think that incarceration is a necessary evil in order to keep our communities safe. Judge Leifman, make the case that we need to stop thinking this way. |
| 8 minutes  55 seconds | Patti Tobias, recent interviews with Task Force members have focused on what they refer to as “real change.” what do we mean by “real change?” |
| 11 minutes  6 seconds | Patti, one of the Task Force suggestions was for courts to conduct a collaborative and candid assessment of the mental health landscape in their community. If a court wants to conduct such an assessment, what should they be looking at and who should they include? |
| 14 minutes  59 seconds | Judge Leifman, information and options available to judges appear to be a critical part of addressing the mental health crisis in the courts. What are some of the challenges judges face in addressing those with mental illnesses and substance use disorders? |
| 17 minutes  57 seconds | Judge Leifman, can Mental Health Courts “scale up” to serve what looks to be a huge part of the criminal justice population? |
| 21 minutes  3 seconds | Court and community partnerships have proven critical in addressing mental health needs within the community. They can do this by identifying appropriate ways to promote interventions before defendants get involved in the criminal justice system. One suggested method is the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM). Patti, what is the Sequential Intercept Model, and can you give an example of how courts have effectively used it? |
| 28 minutes  59 seconds | I am always reminded of that old adage from W. Edward Demings, that you can’t manage what you can’t count. Patti, in terms of mental health and the courts, what statistics should we be keeping? |
| 32 minutes  9 seconds | By a recent estimate there are over 380,000 individuals in jails and prisons right now suffering from mental illness. Can you provide some context to this number? It includes those who are seriously mentally ill. Does it also include those with behavioral issues such as ADHD? Does it include individuals with learning disabilities? |
| 37 minutes | What is the one takeaway you would like those tuning into today’s episode to come away with? |
| 40 minutes  6 seconds | Patti, the National Center and the Task Force have put a priority on sharing information, resources, and opportunities through a regularly published newsletter. What type of information is included in these newsletters and how does someone sign up to receive them? |