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Michael Massoglia is an Assistant Professor of Sociology and Crime, Law & Justice at The Pennsylvania State University. He completed his Ph.D from the University of Minnesota in December of 2005. His dissertation, titled the “The Mid-Life Health Consequences of Crime and Punishment” examined the lasting mental and physical health consequences of incarceration. The dissertation work is part of larger research agenda that looks at how crime and punishment impact later life chances across different economic and social arenas. Other projects examine the role of incarceration on rates of early mortality and morbidity, and the relationship between desistance and the transition to adulthood (with Christopher Uggen).

Louise Cohen was appointed Acting Deputy Commissioner for Health Care Access and Improvement of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) in January 2006. In this capacity, she oversees Correctional Health Services, Forensic Health Discharge Planning, Transitional Health Care Coordination, Oral Health and Health Insurance Programs, the Primary Care Information Project and *Take Care New York*. The Division is responsible for the medical and mental health care of over 108,000 people incarcerated in City jails each year, the operation of more than 50 children’s dental clinics throughout New York City, and the oversight of all Medicaid managed care organizations providing services in New York City.

Dr. Robert Greifinger, M.D. is a health care policy and quality management consultant and a Senior Fellow at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. His work focuses on the design, management, quality improvement and utilization management in correctional health care systems. He has extensive experience in the development and management of complex community and institutional health care programs, and strengths in the bridging of clinical and public policy interests. His current clients include the courts, state and local correctional systems, and the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He has had a variety of assignments as a court appointed expert to investigate and design remedies for ailing correctional health care systems, and has worked on assignments for the Centers for Disease Control, the Urban Institute, and the Council on State Governments. Dr. Greifinger was the principal investigator for recently published Report to Congress on Seizing Public Health Opportunities through Correctional Health Care.