

**Queensboro Correctional Facility Superintendent Honored with Department of Health Commissioner's Special Recognition Award**

On December 5, 2017, Queensboro Correctional Facility Superintendent, Dennis Breslin, was awarded with a Special Achievement Award during the New York State Department of Health's World AIDS Day event held at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. Superintendent Breslin was recognized for his continued work to provide opioid overdose prevention training to individuals incarcerated in prisons across New York State. In February 2015, Superintendent Breslin began a pilot program at Queensboro that provided the training to inmates, as well as the option to receive a naloxone kit upon their release from prison. Through additional work with the Harm Reduction Coalition and the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute, these trainings expanded to several correctional facilities across the state. Thanks to his leadership, opioid overdose prevention training is available in all of New York State's 54 correctional facilities and serves as a model for other states interested in offering a similar program in their correctional institutions.



*Superintendent Dennis Breslin pictured with Johanne Morne, Director of the AIDS Institute (left) and Sally Dreslin, Department of Health Executive Deputy Commissioner (right)*