

Meeting Summary  
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**Agency:** DHMH

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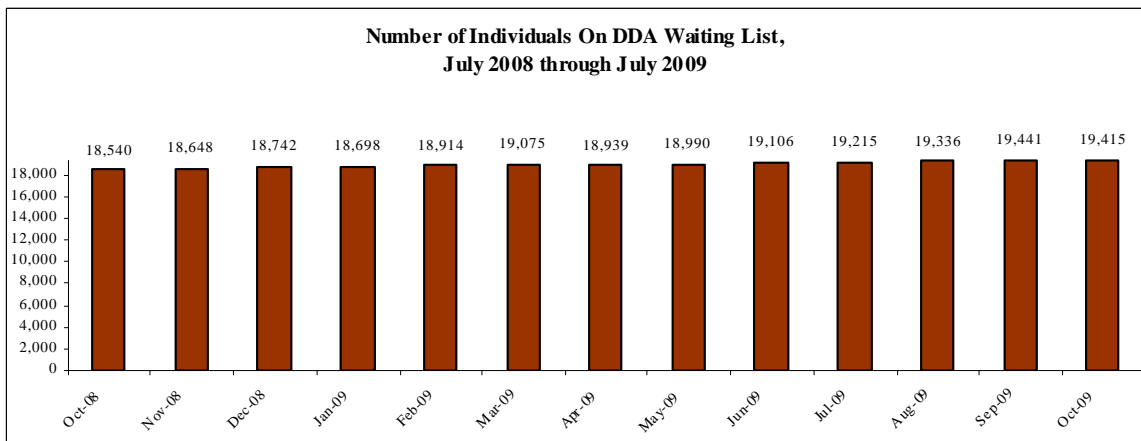
Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DHMH Stat on December 22, 2009. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit.

**Infant Mortality Issues**

- In January, DHMH will launch Comprehensive Women's Health Services in Baltimore City, Prince George's County, and Somerset County.
- DHMH is pushing for women on Medical Assistance to schedule prenatal visits earlier. Thanks to the Medicaid Expansion program that went into effect in July 2008, women who are made eligible for the program by their pregnancy do not have to re-enroll for the program or worry about a break in their coverage.
- On December 1, DHMH issued new guidelines for women to receive Accelerated Certification for Eligibility (ACE), a presumptive eligibility program for Medicaid that also covers more pregnant women. Prior to December 1, the program was not widespread throughout the state.

**Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Issues**

- The DDA began investigating those individuals on the waiting list that were identified as needing crisis resolution and crisis prevention services, which are the categories with most immediate need



- By the end of December, DDA will know which of the approximately 19k individuals on the DDA waiting list were not located during this process, and will

have a more accurate count of individuals waiting for DDA waiver services by category of need.

- Some individuals receive services while on the waiting list, depending on available funding. DDA has been considering statutory changes such as renaming categories to accurately reflect the services received by those on the waiting list. The DDA waiting list will likely be an issue during the 2010 legislative session.