

Meeting Summary

Agency: DJS

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DJS Stat on June 18, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

Follow-Up

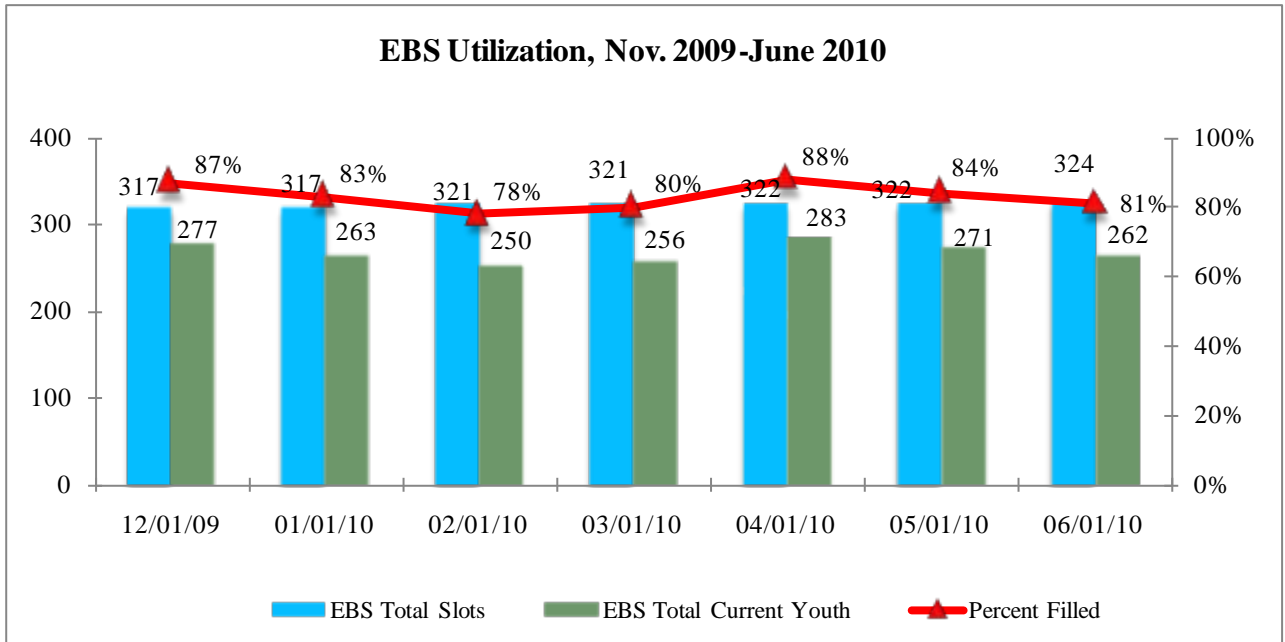
- **Continuum of Opportunity Reentry Program and Services (CORPS) Program.** The CORPS Program is a new DJS initiative focused on improving re-entry outcomes for up to 400 Baltimore City youth, primarily through targeted employment readiness and school retention programs and incentives. The initiative is federally-funded from one year. An additional year or years of federal funding requires DJS to meet certain performance benchmarks for youth in the program.

In order to begin serving youth in the CORPS Program, DJS needs to complete Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with partner entities. DJS noted that agreements with the Community College of Baltimore City, Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice, and Baltimore City Public Schools have been sent to relevant legal staff at each entity, with implementation of all elements of the CORPS Program expected by August 2010.

- **DJS-MVA ID Card Partnership.** 353 youth from the CORPS program and Baltimore City's Partnership for Education and Workforce Development (PEWD) have been targeted to begin receiving MVA ID cards. These youth will be able to choose from set appointment times to bypass lines at MVA for the processing of ID cards. Youth will be accompanied by a parent and a DJS case-worker during the ID card visit. DJS stated that an Interagency Agreement has been drafted to initiate the program, which will include a reduced \$1 MVA ID Card services processing fee for DJS youth after a required 90-day period following the signing of the agreement.

Evidence Based Services

- **Utilization.** The following chart details utilization of Evidence Based Services by DJS through June 1, 2010. Utilization of EBS slots *decreased* in June (daily snapshot for June 1), to 81%. DJS was asked to comment on this data. DJS was also asked to provide, for the next meeting, a breakdown of slots filled, available slots over the next few months, as well as the reasons as to why slots are not filled.



- Silver Oak.** The article below is one of many published this week regarding low completion rates for youths involved in the Rites of Passage (Silver Oak) Program. DJS stated that several meetings have taken place at Silver Oak to discuss this issue. New protocols are now in place to deal with kids as soon as they are beginning to fail the program. Also, case managers are visiting kids at the program more frequently so that they can also report if kids are underperforming at the facility. DJS reported that the vocational program is fully functional at Victor Cullen and kids from Silver Oak can be taken to this program.

Report: One-third of juveniles fail Silver Oak program

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 By Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS — More than a third of kids failed to complete a treatment program at a center for troubled youth that reopened last year after a resident died in 2007, Maryland's juvenile justice watchdog group said Wednesday.

Since reopening in July 2009 under new management, three students have successfully completed the program at the Silver Oak Academy in Carroll County, the Maryland Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit said in a report covering January to March.

The monitor noted that the program is new and will take time to develop. However, the report pointed out that 23 of 68 admitted youth have failed the program and been discharged — a 34 percent failure rate.

Youth who do not successfully complete the program are usually returned to a secure detention center while the Department of Juvenile Services looks for another appropriate placement, the report said.

"The department will pay a heavy price at per-diem rates for large numbers of youth who must then start over in a new treatment program," the monitor said in the report.