

## Meeting Summary

**Agency:** DHR

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DHR Stat on July 16, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

### Follow-Up

- **Adoptions.** DHR was asked to provide an update discussing whether or not the adoption goal for FY10 has been achieved. DHR reports that based on the preliminary June data, they expect to have achieved 725 adoptions during FY10, which is 99% of the target of 732. DHR also reported an adjustment for FY10 from 403 to 355.

	Baseline		FY 2010 Goal		REPORTING PERIOD: Monthly				Source
	Date	Data	Goal	Target	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	
<b>Current Measures</b>									<b>for Baseline and Results</b>
Children in Out-of-Home Placement **	6/30/2009	8,756	Reduce by 10%	7,880	8,337	8,335	8,298	8,209	State Stat
Children in Group Homes (% of all placement)	6/30/2009	12.7%	12% or less	12.0%	11.7%	11.4%	11.3%	11.5%	State Stat
Children in Family Homes (% of all placement) (includes children in trial home visits)	6/30/2009	76.6%	75% or more	75.0%	76.8%	76.8%	76.8%	76.5%	State Stat
					<b>PROGRESS TO DATE DURING FY 2010, as of</b>				
Adoptions	FY09	770	Revised Goal ***	732	May-10	% of Target	Expected	92%	State Stat
					648	Actual	89%		
					<b>REPORTING PERIOD: Point in Time</b>				
					6/30/09	9/30/09	12/31/09	3/31/10	
Children Placed in their Home Jurisdiction ****									
Family Homes --	3/31/2009	53%	increase percentage	63%	49%	56%	55%	57%	Baseline: MD CHESSIE
Group Homes --	3/31/2009	38%	by 10 points	48%	41%	42%	44%	44%	Source: MD CHESSIE

- **Proof of Concept Project (GDU Item).** The Proof of Concept project was designed to provide information about applying for FSP benefits to families who are potentially eligible based on their children's FARM status. Through the program's launch in Montgomery County, 13,000 FARMS children were identified as eligible for benefits. DHR reports that they are preparing a joint letter with MSDE to Montgomery County's Superintendent requesting the school system's assistance with contacting the identified families to advise them of their eligibility for FSP. To engage these families, the letter will include a coded mail-in application. This outreach is anticipated to occur by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Family Investment Administration

- **USDA SNAP Error-Rate for FY09.** As discussed at the last Stat, the Governor and DHR recently received a letter from the USDA indicating that for the second year in a row, Maryland was not eligible to receive a bonus from the USDA. Maryland's overall Validated Negative Error Rate is 14.27% and the national average for FY09 is 9.41%.

As follow-up from the last Stat, DHR was asked to provide an update on which other states received letters relating to SNAP error rates. DHR also discussed the nature of their own errors and the causes may have been lapses in oversight. In terms of improving performance DHR noted the need for an increase of training while eliminating inefficiencies. DHR has also been in contact with several states to ascertain what policies it can implement to improve performance. While an appeal has not yet been sent, DHR has reported advances in the drafting process as well as acquiring input from consultants.

- **Baltimore County.** Baltimore County has been a watchlist county for several months due to its FIA compliance rates. DHR submitted data showing compliance rates in Baltimore County. Although most of the overall rates have increased since the last Stat, Reisterstown declined at a tremendous rate. DHR was asked to comment on the decline.
- **Prince George's County.** Prince George's County is also a watchlist county that which was discussed at the previous Stat. DHR submitted data for today's meeting and they provided an update.