

## Meeting Summary

**Agency:** DJS

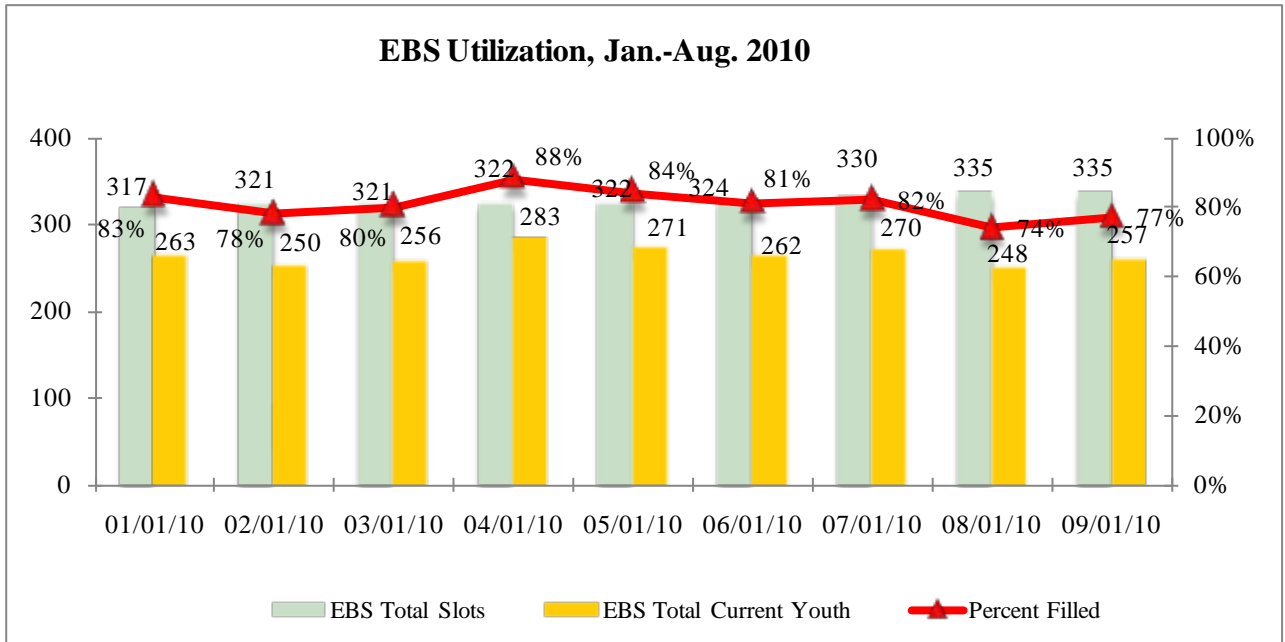
Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DJS Stat on September 10, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

### Follow-Up

- **Continuum of Opportunity Reentry Program and Services (CORPS) Program.** (*GDU Item*) DJS needed to complete Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with its partner entities in order to begin implementation of the CORPS program. DJS noted in its follow-up responses 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 the end of August 2010. DJS provided an update and they stated that they were in the process of working with Baltimore city school teachers on some logistical matters and that kickoff would begin in September.
- **DJS-MVA ID Card Partnership.** (*GDU Item*) 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. 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. In their follow-up, DJS reports that as of August 20<sup>th</sup>, only eight DJS youth had received MVA ID cards. DJS stated that they are working on getting more youth IDs but an issue that has come up is the fact that parents/guardians have to be present at the time of issue so that they can sign forms for the youth. DJS is trying to encourage more parents/guardians to sign the forms for their children but this is becoming a difficult endeavor.

### Evidence Based Services

- **Utilization.** The following chart details utilization of Evidence Based Services by DJS through September 1, 2010. Utilization of EBS slots decreased significantly in September (daily snapshot for September 1), to 77%. DJS explained that 30 slots came offline due to staff leave and vacancies and that there was a possible decrease in referrals.

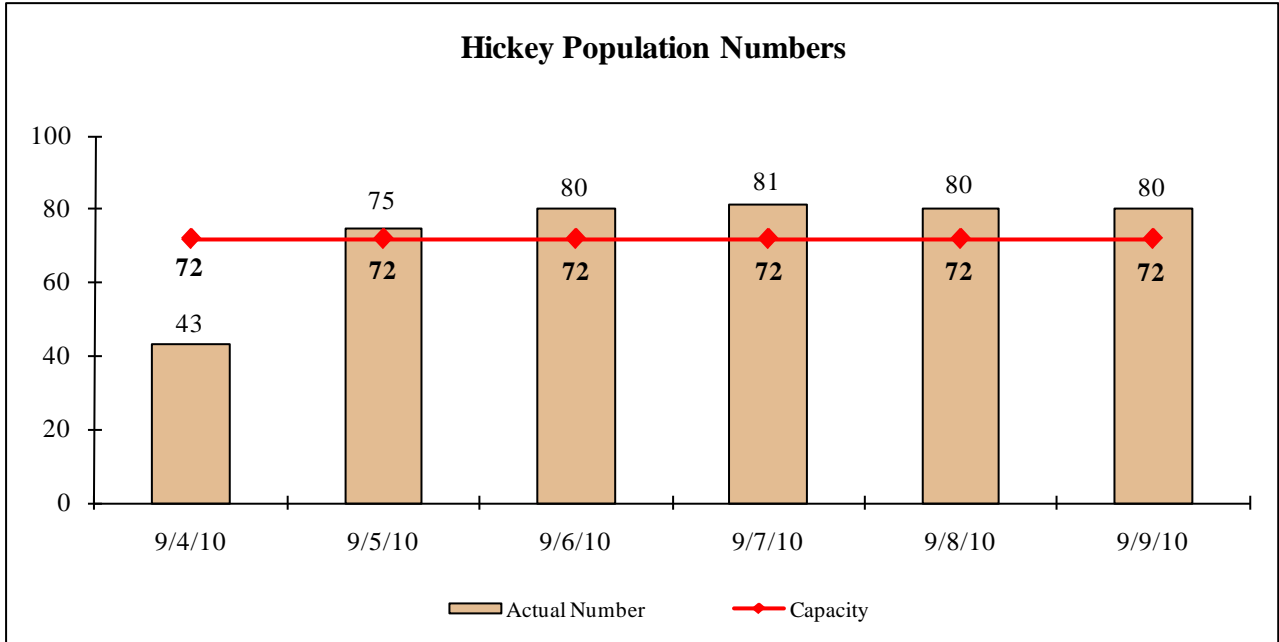


**Placements**

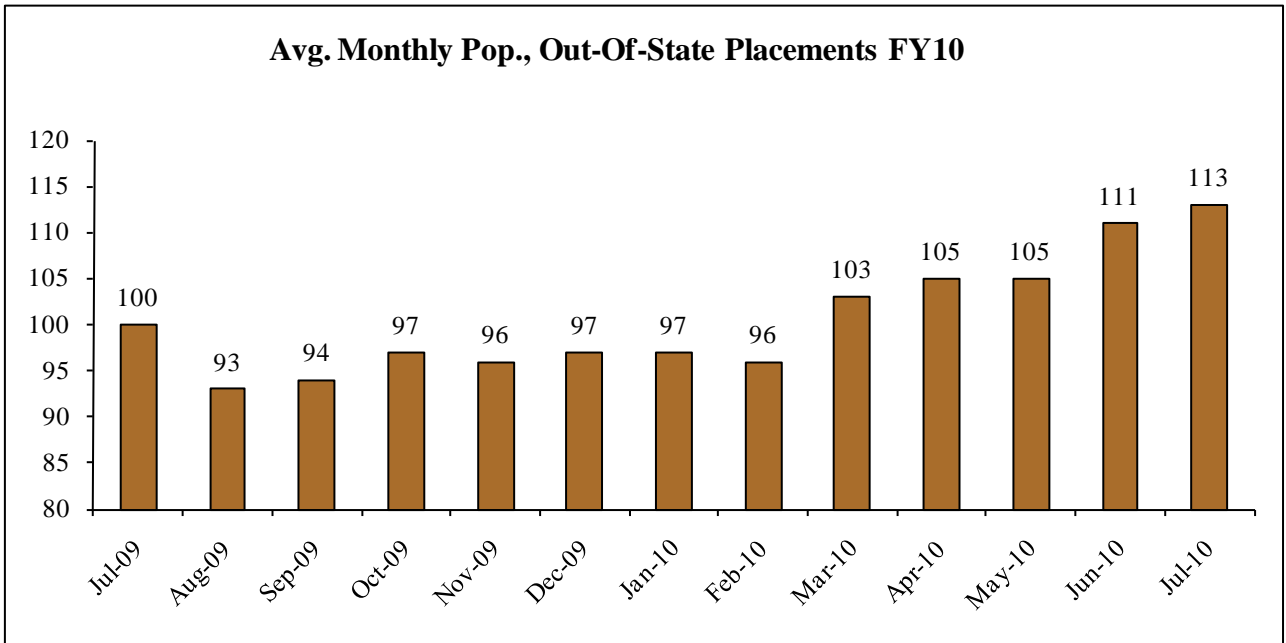
- Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit (JJMU) 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report.** The JJMU recently released their 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report and the focus of the report was overcrowding and other concerns at the Noyes Children’s Center, the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center (BCJJC), The Charles Hickey School, and the Cheltenham Youth Facility. DJS provided a response to the report after its release.

During the StateStat meeting, DJS was asked several questions about each facility and steps being taken to address the JJMU’s concerns and DJS reiterated that all steps were given in their response to the JJMU report. DJS was asked to define capacity rates for each facility and to provide dollar figure estimates on the suggestions made by the JJMU for discussion at a future Stat.

- Charles Hickey School.** Page 19 of the JJMU report highlights capacity concerns at Hickey. As has been discussed recently at StateStat, Hickey, for a significant amount of time was over capacity and just recently went below capacity. DJS was asked to explain the data (shown below) and they stated that although the rated capacity is set at 72, the facility can hold more youth and overcrowding has not been an issue. Also, the population fluctuates every evening and falls in the afternoon everyday when youth are either released or transferred.



- Out-of-State Placements.** As seen below, out-of-state placements are still on the rise. DJS stated that there are not enough facilities in Maryland to handle the needs of many of these high risk youth and hence, the out-of-state population is growing. DJS was asked to begin working with DHMH to see if there are alternative placements that can be used within the state and if private providers would be more willing to take DJS youth. This matter will be monitored for the next few months at Stat and DHMH will be invited to a future DJS stat to discuss what can be done on their end.



## Miscellaneous

- **Information Sharing.** Maryland has made a significant effort to improve information sharing between DJS, DPSCS (especially the Division of Parole and Probation), and the Department of Human Resources (DHR) regarding individuals and families who are served by these agencies. Currently, some information sharing exists between DJS and DPSCS, but additional effort may be required for DJS to share and receive information with DHR. DJS was asked to provide a list of barriers, in terms of information sharing, with other agencies; as well as sharing with bordering states.