

Meeting Summary

The following is a summary of the issues that were discussed at the DPSCS/DOC Stat on October 21, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

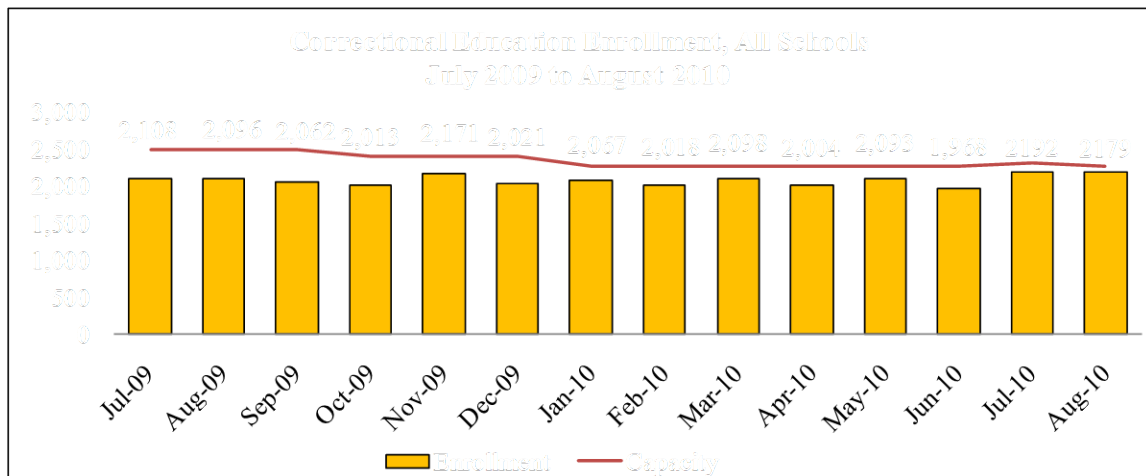
Correctional Education Follow-up

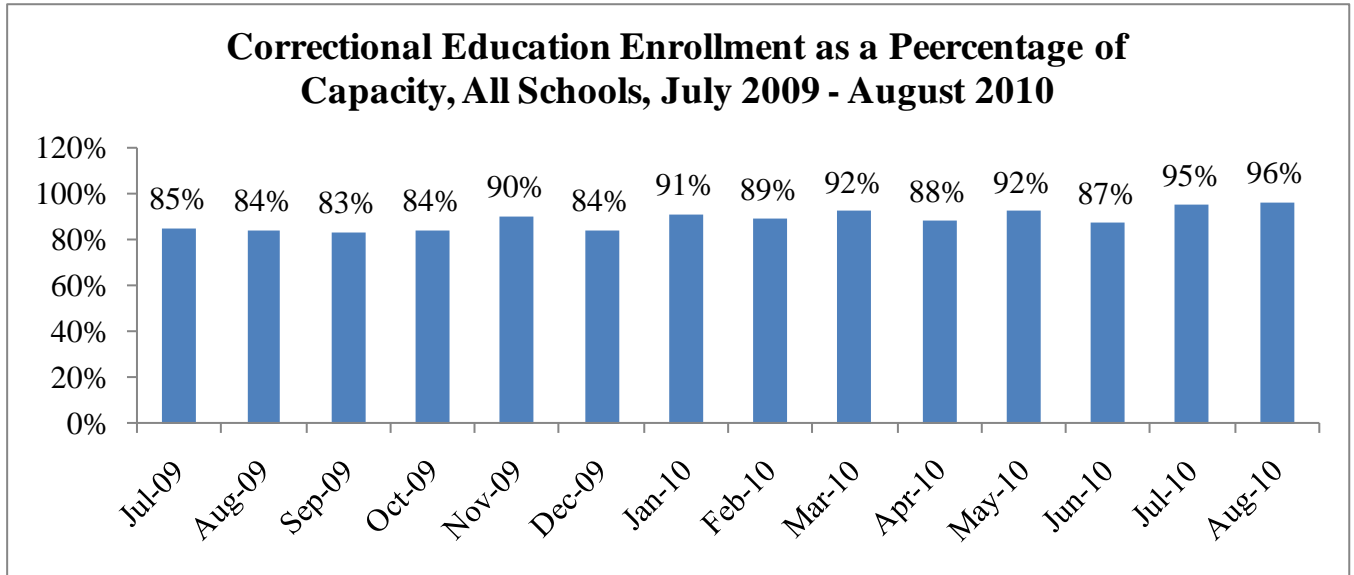
- **Eligible List.** Inmates are referred/assigned to school primarily by case management. Case management retains the list of potential students. These students are tested by Education staff. Testing schedules are based on class enrollment. Special Education students are placed in school immediately and are not placed on the eligible list. If an inmate has been transferred prior to completing the required 120 days, the inmate is placed in another school program for the requirement to be completed. The inmate does not necessarily go to the bottom of the list at the new facility. Placement depends on the number of available openings at a particular level (i.e., need 3 intermediate level students). If an inmate tests out at the level for which there is an opening, that inmate may get into the class before others.

Academic Classes

- **Enrollment and Capacity.** The number of students enrolled decreased along with capacity in August 2010, as shown in the first chart below. The decrease in capacity was due to a teacher moving from Roxbury Correctional Institution to Maryland Correctional Institution Hagerstown (MCIH). Capacity at Eastern Correctional Institution West (ECIW) also decreased in August, and at Eastern Pre-Release Unit (EPRU) and CMCF capacity was reduced to zero in August.

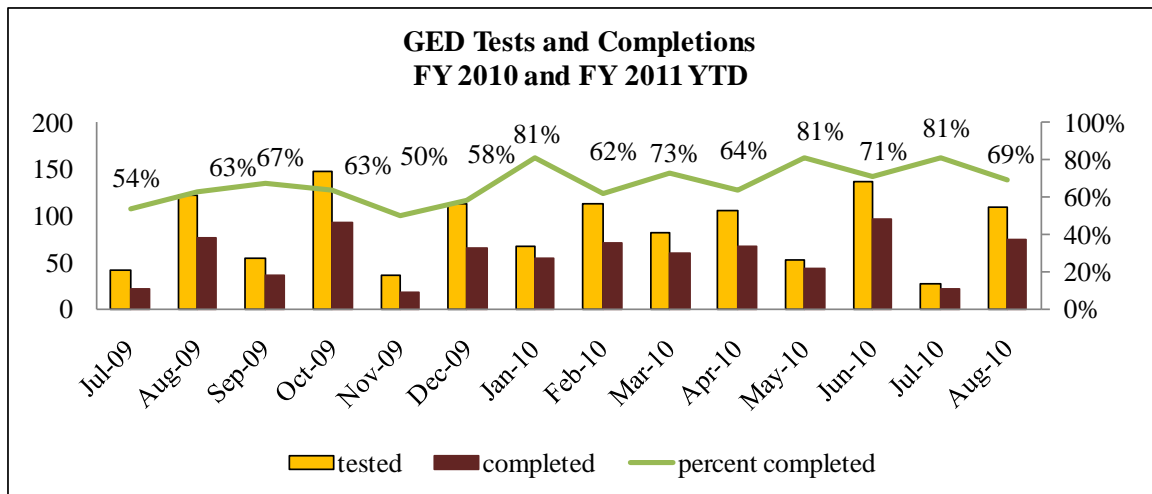
Despite the decrease in raw enrollment, enrollment in academic classes as a percentage of capacity remains above 95 percent as shown in the second chart below. In July and August enrollment was at its highest level since the beginning of FY 10.

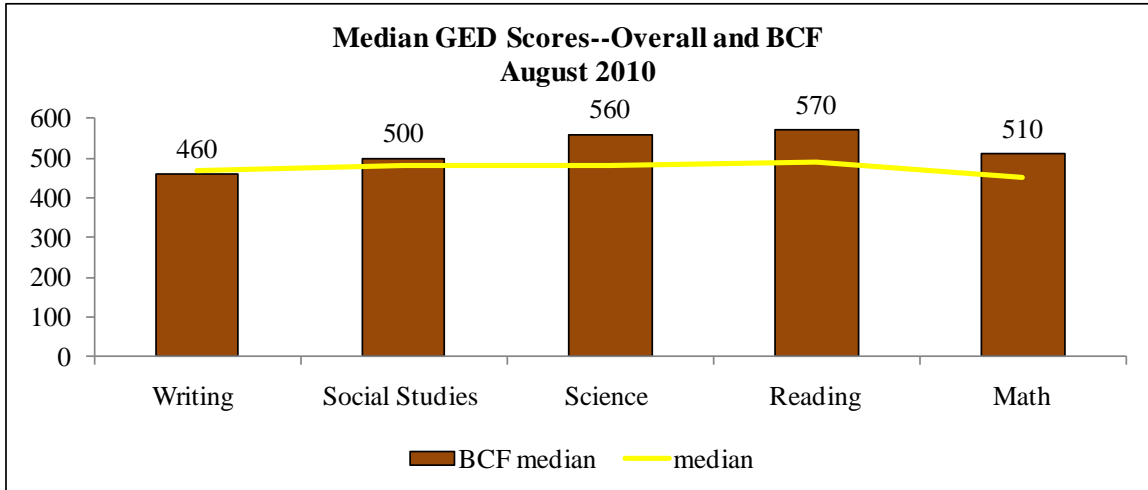




- GED Testing and Completions.** GED completions were 69 percent in August 2010, with 109 students tested. Drilling down into individual institutions reveals that median scores at BCF were higher than median scores of all institutions combined in social studies, science, reading, math, and overall.

The Department noted that BCF has a strong staff and a principal that monitors student's performance to determine if students are ready to take the test. StateStat and the Department will begin monitoring completions at other schools to determine if there are any areas of concern.

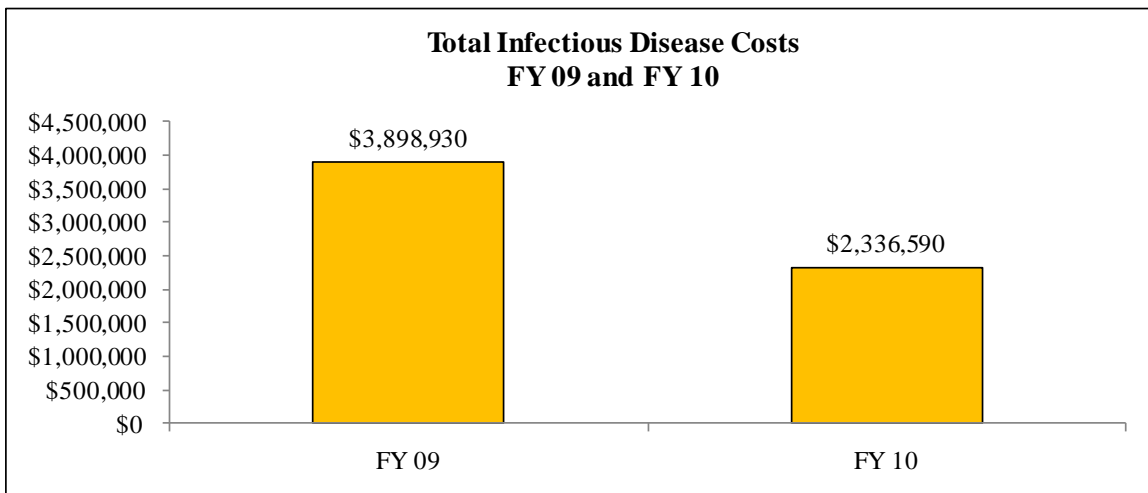


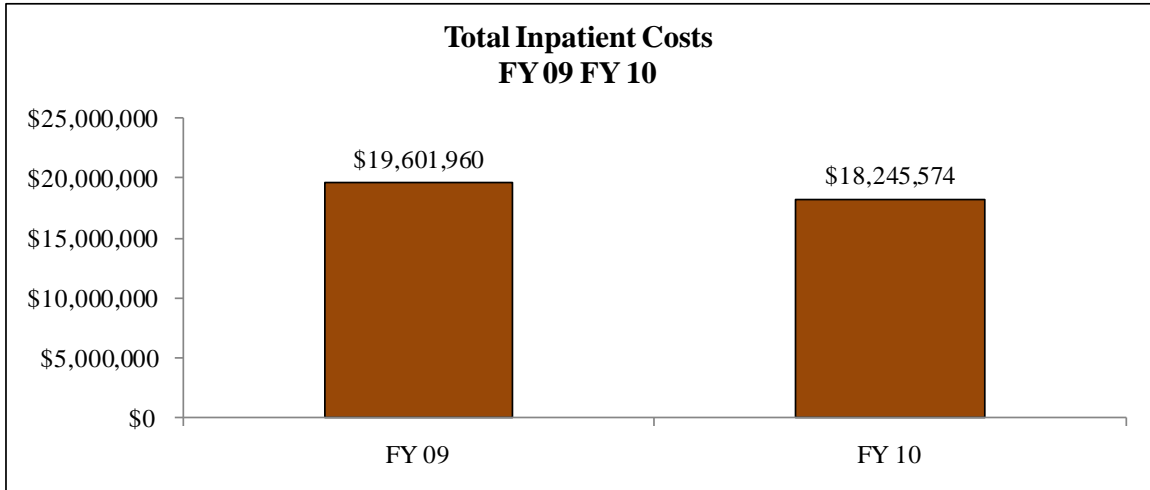


Office of Treatment Services

- Infectious Disease and Inpatient Costs.** After working with the medical vendor to compile appropriate data, the Office of Treatment Services reports that total Infectious Disease costs decreased by over \$1.5 million between FY 2009 and FY 2010. Likewise, total Inpatient costs decreased by \$1.3 million over the same time period. Decreases in both Infectious Disease costs and Inpatient costs reflect decreases in the number of admissions and total number of days as discussed at the September StateStat meeting. The cost per day also decreased from FY 09 to FY 10, although the Department reported the same dollar amount for Infectious Disease and Inpatient costs.

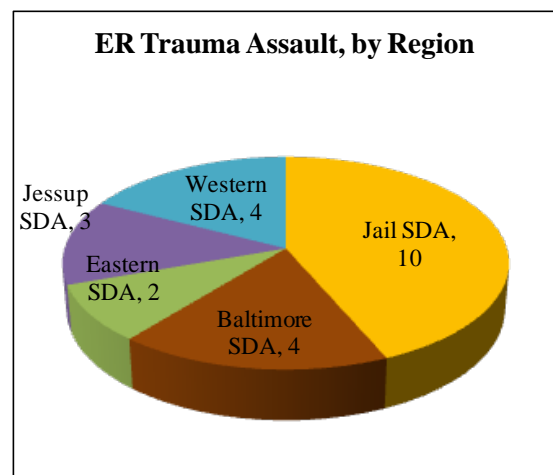
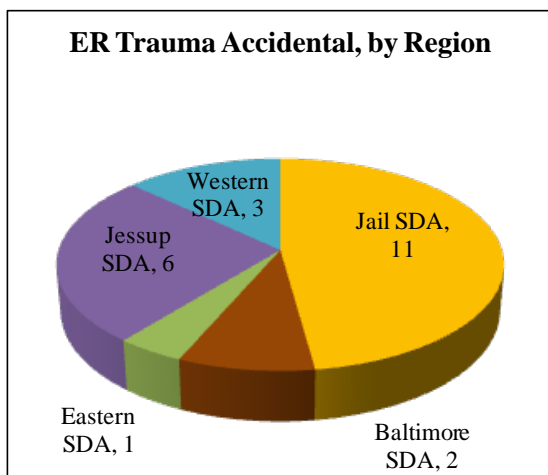
The Department noted that it has worked on its wound care to help prevent secondary medical treatments. The Department also noted how it plans to expand working with consultants to provide better treatment options and protocols aimed at improving care and reducing infections.





DOC Health Cost Savings			
	FY09	FY10	% Change
Infectious Disease Admits	272	179	-34.2%
Infectious Disease Days	1,090	695	-36.2%
Infectious Disease Cost per Day	\$3,577	\$3,362	-6.0%
Total Infectious Disease Costs	\$3,898,930	\$2,336,590	-40.1%
Inpatient Admits	1,419	1,303	-8.2%
Inpatient Days	5,480	5,427	-1.0%
Inpatient Cost per Day	\$3,577	\$3,362	-6.0%
Total Inpatient Costs	\$19,601,960	\$18,245,574	-6.9%

- ER.** The largest number of ER trauma accidental and assault trips occur in the Jail SDA as shown in the charts below. The Department noted that the Jail SDA was on lockdown until two months ago. When lockdown ended, assaults at DPDS increased as inmates are allowed more freedom and exhibit aggression that was pent up during the lockdown. The Department noted that it has prepared for the increase in assaults and is monitoring the situation closely.



Recidivism Programs

- Recidivism Program Inventory.** In an August follow-up memo, the Governor’s Delivery Unit (GDU) requested that the Department provide a list of programs offered by the Department (or community partners) aimed at reducing recidivism. The Division of Correction (DOC) attached their Program Inventory in their response, which is summarized by the chart below.

The panel and the Department discussed how to track these programs and determine their effectiveness, especially by looking at the recidivism of individuals who participate in one or more programs.

CATEGORY	# OF PROGRAMS	# OF STAFF	# OF INMATES
Substance Abuse	10	60.15	1349
Behavior	20	82	908
Transition	10	75	774
Support Programs	25	81.75	2179
Family Unification	6	7.75	133
Employability	36	184.5	4273
Community Partners	7	41	239
Special Programs	6	6	175

Cell Phone Contraband

- Cell Phone Seizures.** The Department has seen a general trend of decreasing cell phone seizures over the last two years, although there has been a slight increase in seizures since March 2010. However, a review of the data indicates this increase is somewhat seasonal, with a similar increase occurring in March 2009.

