

DPSCS Meeting Summary

Agency: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS): Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) and Division of Pre-trial and Detention Services (DPDS)

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DPSCS—DPP/DPDS Stat on December 9, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor’s Delivery Unit (GDU).

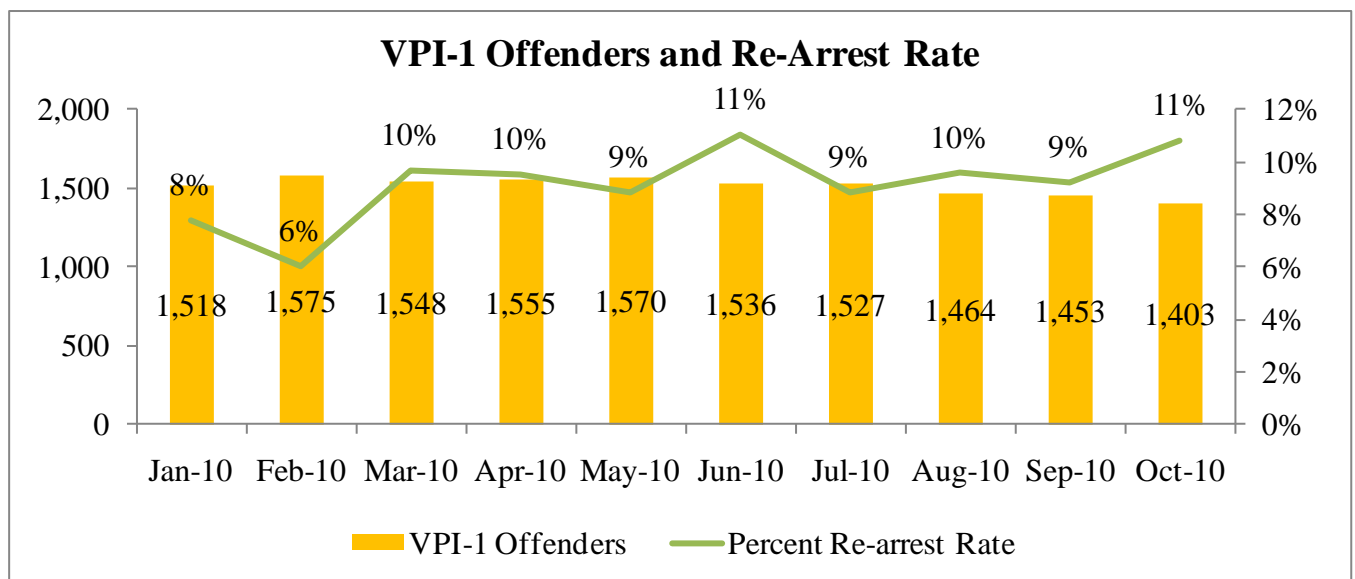
Identifying High Risk Offenders and Holding Them Accountable

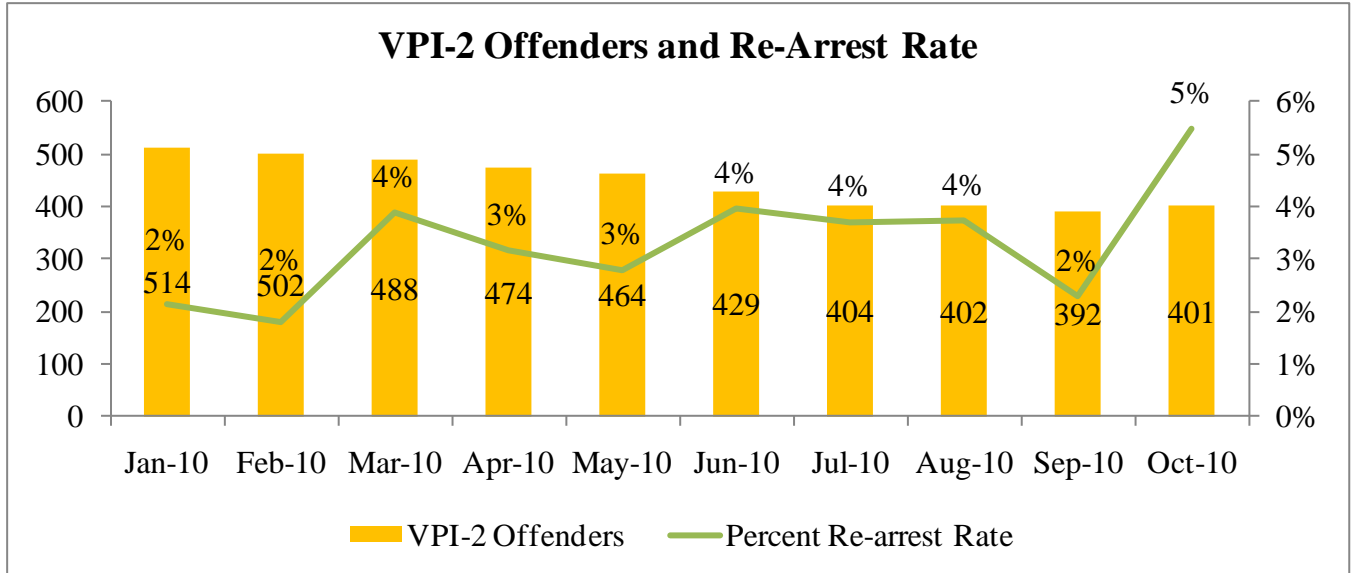
(GDU Goal 4- Reduce Violent Crime in Maryland by 20% by the End of 2012)

- **Maintain VPI re-arrest rates for new offenses below 10%.** For 2010, the Department set a target to maintain a re-arrest rate for new offenses below 10%. When last reported at the Violent Crime Subject Matter Stat in July, the Department was averaging 8.8% for VP1 and 3.1% for VP2.

The Department and the panel discussed the current re-arrest rate, including the recent increase in robbery arrests compared with previous months. The Department noted that it is reviewing this information.

In addition, the GDU and StateStat reviewed VPI-2 data to determine if a separate re-arrest goal should be established for VPI-2. The Department is reviewing its data to suggest a goal for VPI-2 re-arrest rates.





Warrant Service Efforts

(GDU Goal 4- Reduce Violent Crime in Maryland by 20% by the End of 2012)

- Backlog of Warrant Requests.** At the previous StateStat session, the Department and StateStat identified that a backlog of warrant requests at the parole commission had led to a reduced number of warrants issued for DPP to serve. At the panel's direction, the Department worked with the Parole Commission to completely clear the backlog. As of 11/10/10, there were 68 warrants waiting to be processed by the Parole Commission. The Chairman of the Parole Commission advised that steps were going to be taken to clear the backlog by 11/19. On 11/19 the backlog was down to 21 warrants, and by 12/2 the backlog of warrants originally reported on 11/10 was completely cleared. However, on 12/2 the Commission received 7 new warrants (3 Parole, 3 Mandatory Release, and 1 VPI), which the Department reports are being actively processed by the Commission.

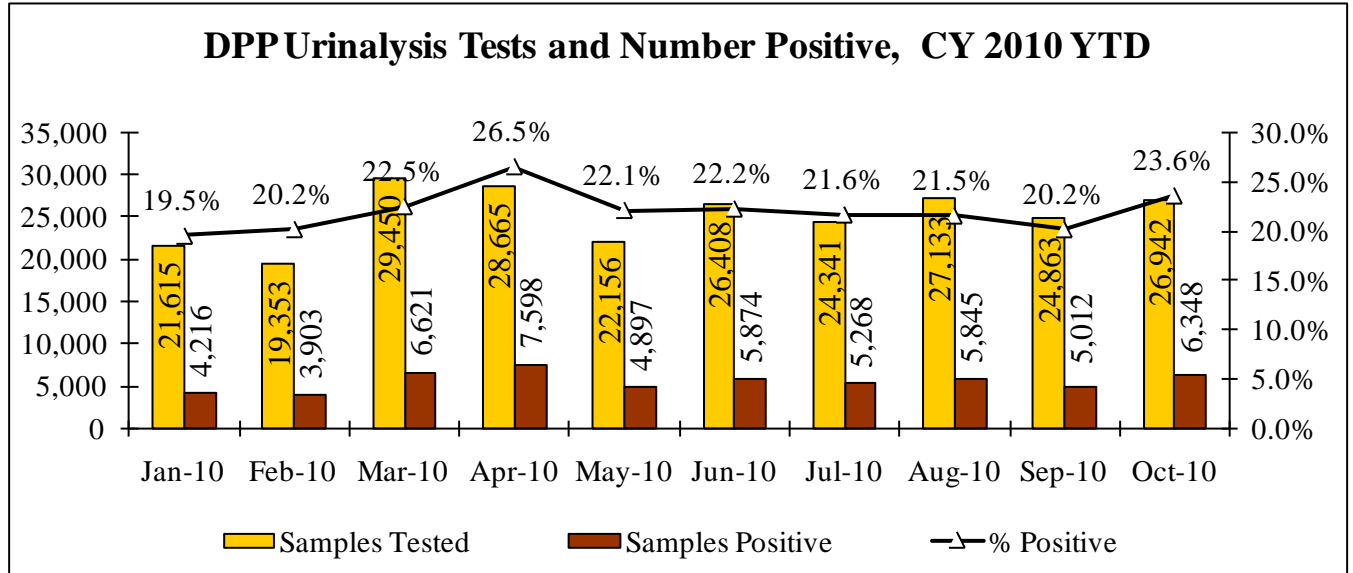
The Department noted that it has completely cleared the backlog of warrants and that it is monitoring warrant requests to the parole commission.

Drug Testing and Treatment

- Urinalysis Positive Test Percentage Increased.** After a 5 month decline in the percentage of positive tests, the percentage of tests climbed 3.3 percent to the second highest level recorded in CY 2010.

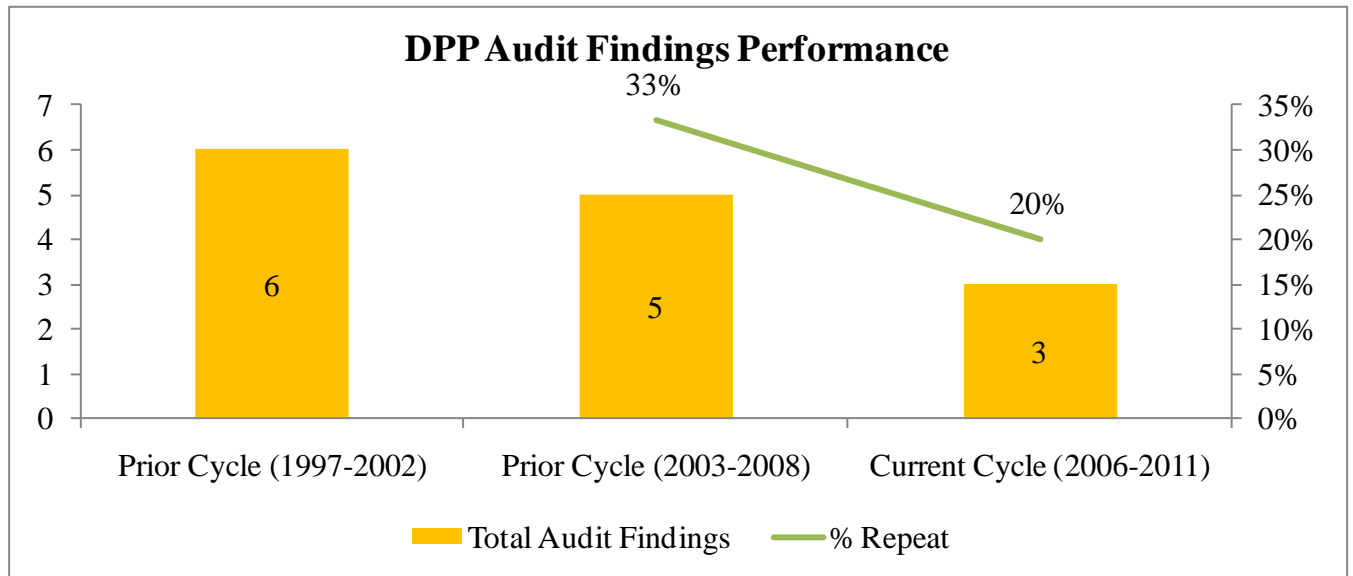
The Department noted that in 7 jurisdictions, urinalysis is performed by the Department centrally and reported via DHMH's SMART system; the remaining jurisdictions have urinalysis performed by a contractor with results sent back to the agents. The panel and the Department discussed the quality assurance efforts used to ensure that positive results reach agents; these include the regular case reviews by supervisors.

The panel and the Department also discussed efforts to refer supervisees who need drug treatment to appropriate treatment. The primary focus of the discussion was on efforts to link DPP’s databases with DHMH’s SMART system.



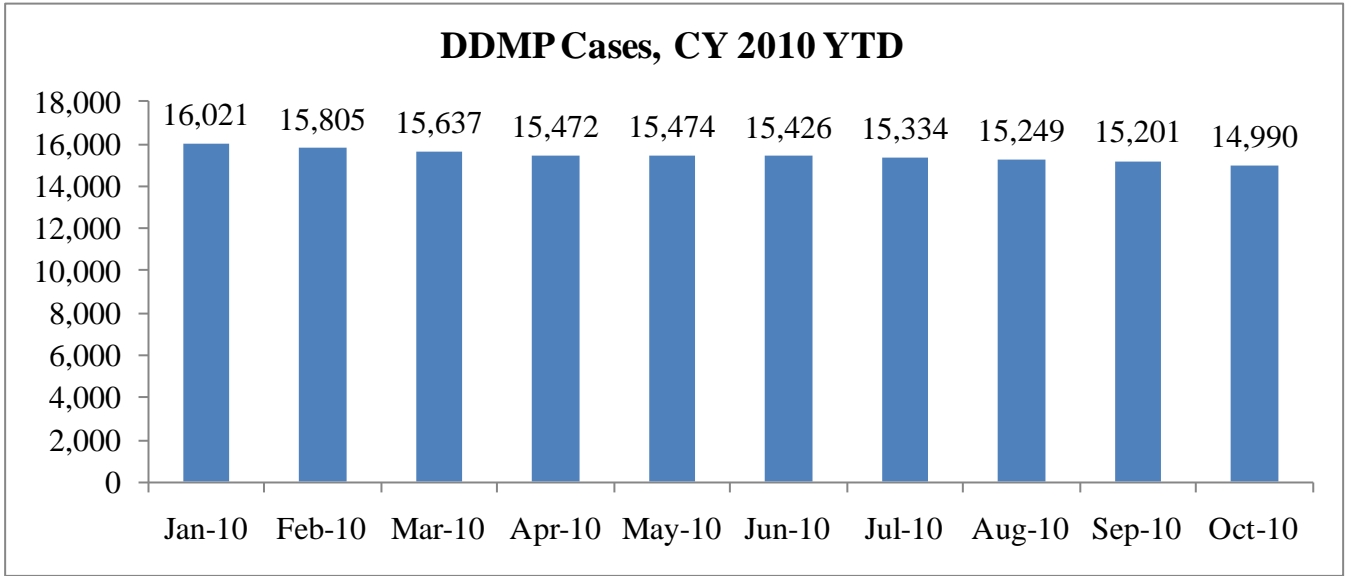
DPP Audit

- **Three Audit Findings, Including 1 Repeat Audit Finding.** The Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) released an audit of DPP on November 17, 2010. It contains three audit findings, one of which is a repeat audit finding. Overall, DPP has made progress in reducing repeat audit findings.



- Drunk Driving Monitoring Program (Findings 2 -3).** The audit noted that DPP was not adequately tracking the use of ignition interlock devices that were required as a condition of probation. Findings included that DPP did not have a system in place to ensure that interlock devices were installed and that DPP did not always receive monthly interlock reports from the vendor. Furthermore, the auditors suggested that the Department receive guidance from the courts regarding how interlock violations should be reported to the court. The finding regarding monitoring of interlock cases was a repeat finding.

Analyst’s Note. The Drunk Driving Monitoring Program (DDMP) is a court ordered program that sentences individuals convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) or driving while impaired (DWI) to the supervision of parole and probation. As part of the program, the court may also require that the individual participate in the Ignition Interlock Program (IIP), which is run by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA)

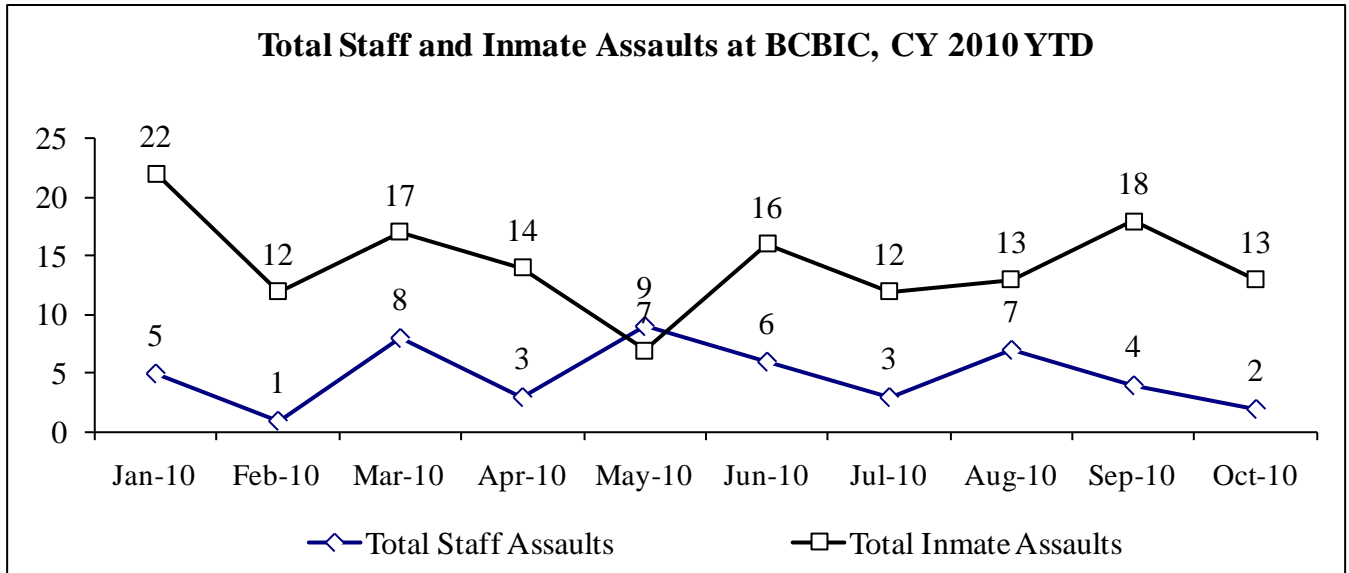
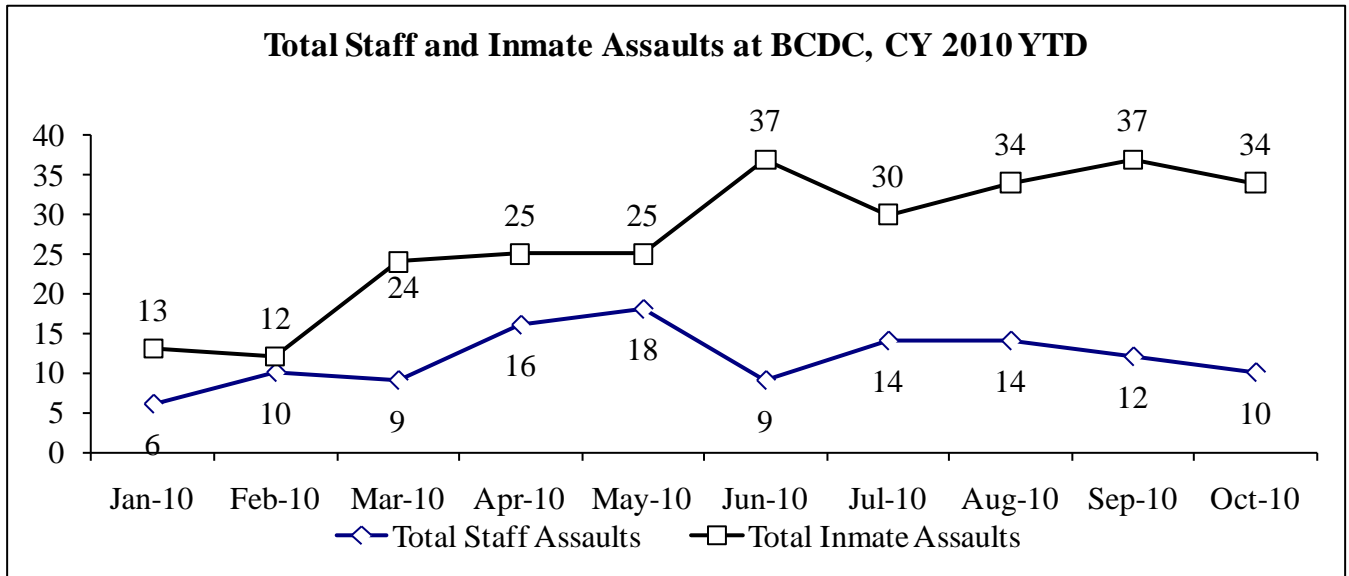


- Response.** The Department agreed with the findings, noting that it has initiated a special code in its database to identify DDMP cases that are also involved in IIP; cases are also audited by the quality assurance unit. Furthermore, the Department is developing an accountability procedure to ensure that reports are received and reviewed on a monthly basis. Lastly, the Department is planning to instruct agents to seek written guidance from the courts regarding repeat interlock violations and whether they should be provided to the courts as evidence of violation.

DPDS Assaults

- Staff Assaults Down; Inmate Assaults Remain Steady.** Overall staff assaults dropped at both Baltimore City Detention Center (BCDC) and Baltimore City Booking and Intake Center (BCBIC) over the last three months, while inmate assaults at both facilities have remained relatively constant. Recent discussions with the Department noted that the release of BCDC lockdown, opening additional areas (such as the yard and gym) at BCDC, and more accurate reporting have contributed

to the overall increase in inmate assaults over the last year. Furthermore, the Department has reported in the past that it feels that the overall level of assaults is acceptable and within their expectations.



- Serious Assaults Relatively Low.** A review of serious assaults indicates that overall, serious assaults are not common at both DPDS facilities, with 7 percent of all assaults at BCDC and 5 percent assaults at BCBIC classified as serious. However, the trend at BCBIC indicates waves of serious assaults, with peaks in March and July 2010; a new wave seems to have started in October.

The Department noted that the majority of these assaults were due to gang-related activity; it also noted that a number of detainees at DPDS have been in the facility for a long period of time and are “bad actors.” The Department is reviewing its strategy for reducing serious assaults and will report on more details at the next StateStat session.

The Department recently reported (via the *Baltimore Sun*) that BCDC would be in lockdown until the end of December. The Department has noted that while lockdowns are being used to control the recent increase in total assaults, it is reviewing its plans to avoid a long lockdown.

