

Meeting Summary

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DJS Stat on February 11, 2011. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

Follow-Up

- **Hirings.** DJS was asked at the last Stat to provide an update on hires at residential facilities that may take place in the coming months.

DJS reports that they currently have a total of 46 RA Series merit vacancies (RA Trainee through Supervisor), with the majority at CYF, BCJJC, Hickey, Noyes, and Waxter.

Two pre-screenings for CYF merit positions are scheduled on February 23 and in early March. DJS expects that all positions will be committed by March 30. Employment paperwork is being processed for 12 contractual applicants; contracts will be forwarded to DBM the week of 2/7 for final approval.

BCJJC has conducted interviews for entry level positions as well as for RA Lead/Supervisor vacancies. Selections have been made to fill vacant Lead/Supervisor positions. Prescreening is scheduled for mid-February and DJS expects that offers of employment for all available RA positions will be made by March 10.

Hickey has 4 RA vacancies and all should be committed within the next two weeks. Noyes has 5 vacancies, of which 4 are supervisory positions. Interviews have been completed with selection of candidates underway. One entry level vacancy is being filled with a transfer from another DJS facility.

Waxter is in the process of selecting candidates to fill two contractual positions. The panel may wish to ask DBM if they are aware of DJS' impending hires and whether or not there are any additional updates.

Placements

- **Region V Detention Center.** Shown below is a timeline for the completion of the detention center in Region V (Nanjemoy, Maryland). This timeline will be periodically addressed at Stat meetings in order to see if DJS has been adhering to the target dates.

Region V Detention Center Projected Timeline	
DNR Internal Review Completed	1/21/2011
Notification to Region V Local Governments	2/1/2011
Meeting with Charles County officials	2/3/2011
Complete Facility Program with Site Data	2/9/2011
Submit Facility Program to DBM and DGS	2/11/2011
Conclude Public Meetings	2/28/2011
DNR Initiate Surplus Property Transfer with DGS	3/1/2011
State Clearinghouse Review Completed	4/1/2011
DBM and DGS Approval of Facility Program	4/15/2011
DGS Coordinated Surveys and Appraisals Completed	5/4/2011
BPW Agenda for Approval of Land Transfer	5/18/2011
Publish Solicitation for A/E Services	6/1/2011
Conclude Required Processes for General Professional Services Selection Board (GPSSB) to Recommend A/E to BPW	10/5/2011
BPW Meeting to Act on General Professional Services Selection Board Recommendation	11/15/2011
Commence Design Phase	12/12/2011
Conclude Design Phase	Mar-13
Construction Bid and Award	May-15
Commence Construction Phase	Jun-15
Conclude Construction Phase	Jun-15
Occupancy	Sep-15

- JJMU Preliminary Report.** A draft version of the JJMU Annual Report for 2010 was provided to StateStat recently. DJS' response memo is due by February 14th. The issues discussed in this report are placement population, safety & security, services for girls, and the Cheltenham Youth Facility (CYF). Due to the length of the report, this EBM will address placement population and safety & security. Services for girls and CYF will be addressed at the 2/25 Stat.

Population-

The JJMU report, as indicated in the chart below, addresses population surges at CYF, The Charles Hickey School (Hickey), the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center (BCJJC), the Thomas Waxter Children's Center (Waxter), and the Alfred Noyes Children's Center (Noyes). Overcrowding at these facilities had been addressed in a previous JJMU report.

Name	DJS-set Facility Capacity	High Population	Low Population	Average Daily Population	Number of Days Over Capacity
BCJJC	120	135	90	119	189
CYF	115	140	90	116	243
Noyes	57	70	35	52	67
Waxter	68	51	22	35	36
Hickey	109\86\101	100	43	82	83

The report indicates that CYF is the most overcrowded facility among all of the detention centers. The JJMU's concern is that the rated capacity of the facility (115) fails to take into account that two residential units outside of the main fence are no longer used. The JJMU also reports that there have been several instances of insufficient staff coverage in the facility, there is a large amount of old and broken furniture being used in the cottages, and floors and walls in cottages are very dirty.

In terms of overpopulation, the report indicates that the long periods of youth pending placement is a significant factor. The chart below indicates the total amount of youths who stayed 60 days and over in 2010 at each of the aforementioned facilities (It should be noted that all of the facilities except for Noyes and Waxter had higher rates in 2010 than in 2009).

Name	60 Days and Over
BCJJC	182
CYF	94
Noyes	22
Waxter	10
Hickey	77

The report highlights that the best alternatives to detention, save for the building of more facilities, are the use of shelters, day and evening reporting centers such as PACT, and increased use of Evidence Based Services.

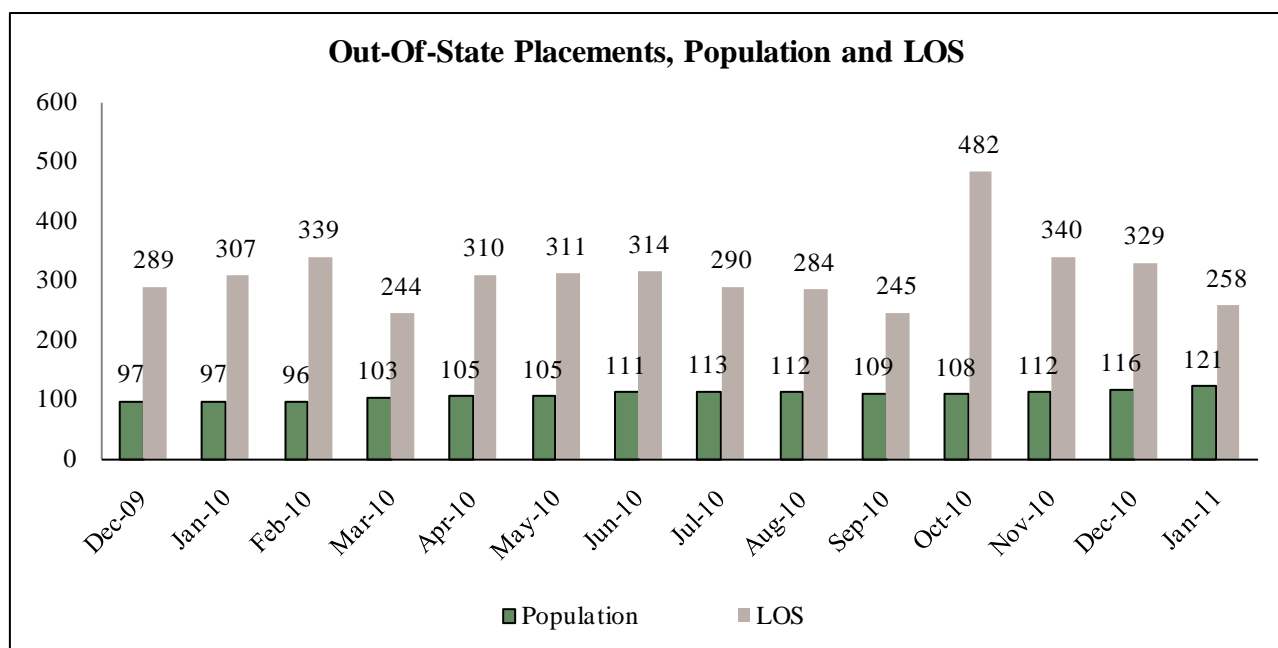
DJS stated that their response will address the CYF population. They also stated that pending placement meetings are taking place now weekly at CYF.

In order to address overcrowding, there have been talks about expanding certain facilities already in existence.

- **Out-of-State Placements and Length of Stay.** The chart below addresses the population in out-of-state placements and the length of stay for the youth. The length of stay has declined in the past four months from a rate of 482 in October 2010; which was the highest rate since StateStat began measuring length of stay. However, the population rose to its highest point since February of 2008.

DJS was asked to give breakdowns of the types of placements that are being used out-of-state. They were also asked to provide profiles of kids in 2009 and compare them to 2010 to see if anything stands out in terms of placing youth out-of-state.

DJS also stated that Good Shepherd built a boys program and Potomac Ridge-Eastern Shore restructured; therefore, more youth can be served in state.



Evidence Based Services

- **Utilization.** (GDU Goal 5). The following chart details utilization of Evidence Based Services by DJS through mid-February 2011. The panel will note that utilization of EBS slots is at **90.9%** (298 filled/ 328 total active slots). At a recent DJS budget meeting, DJS and DBM agreed that the goal for EBS utilization would be 85%.

Apart from the 328 active slots, DJS reported that 36 slots are currently offline (including the 10 MST slots offline in Prince George’s County), mostly due to staff vacancies. DJS reports that two therapists have been hired for both of the lost positions in Prince George’s County, and they have completed their initial training. Each therapist will begin serving 2 youth/ families this week, and their caseloads will gradually be increased until all 10 slots are filled by April 1st.

Description	Total	MST	FFT	MTFC-A
# of Contracted Slots	364	105	255	4
# of Slots Offline [staff vacancies or slots not online]	36	10	26	0
# of Active Slots	328	95	229	4
% of Contracted Slots Available	90.1%	90.5%	89.8%	100.0%
# of Active Cases/Families	298	82	212	4
% Filled of Active Slots	90.9%	86.3%	92.6%	100.0%
# of Vacancies	30	13	17	0
# of Youths Pending Admission	17	5	12	0
# of Active Cases (including Youths Pending Admission)	315	87	224	4
Projected Increase in Utilization (if the youths pending admissions are admitted)	96.0%	91.6%	97.8%	100.0%
% of Contracted Slots Active	81.9%	78.1%	83.1%	100.0%