

## Meeting Summary

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DJS Stat on March 25, 2011. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

### Follow-Up

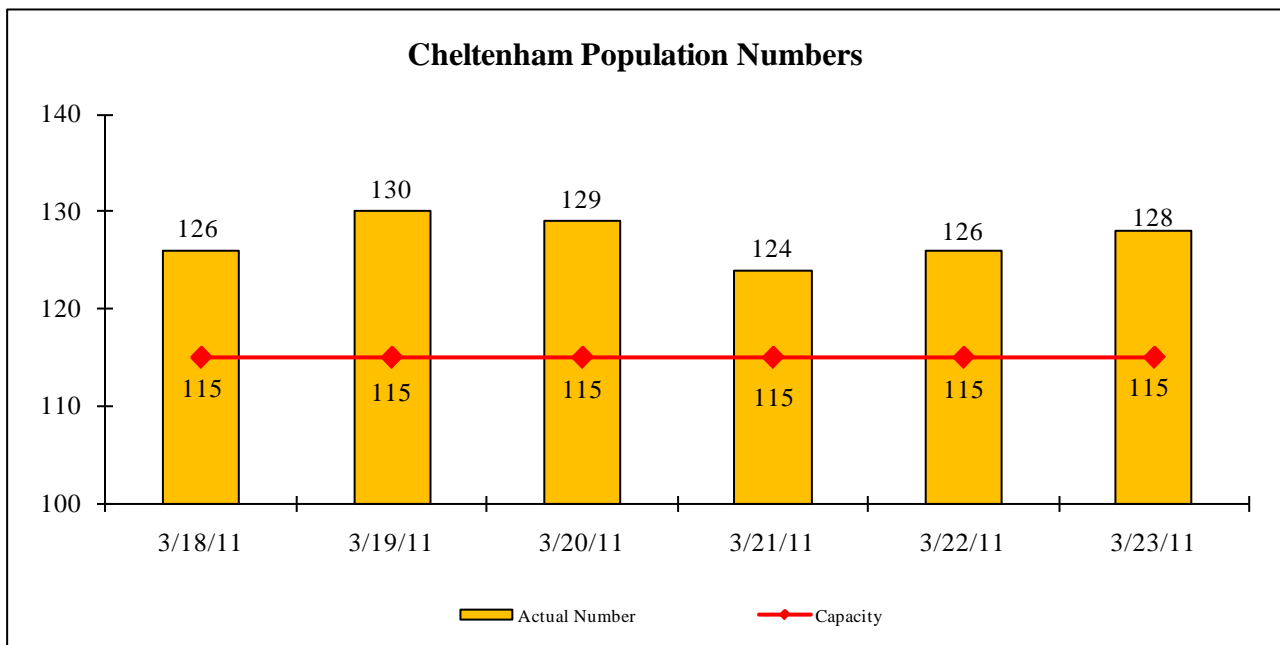
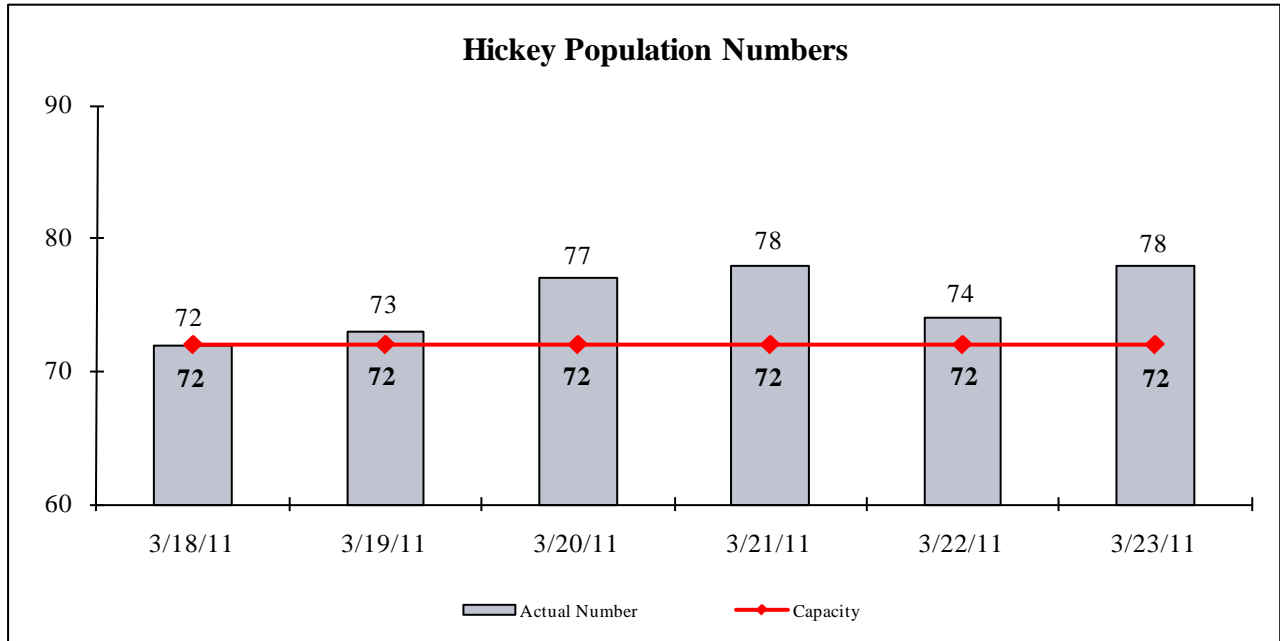
- **JJMU Report Follow-Up.** The JJMU report was discussed at length at the previous two Stat meetings. According to the discussions, the JJMU believes that what it perceives as overcrowding creates a dangerous environment; presumably one that leads to youth-on-youth assaults and youth-on-staff assaults.

DJS stated that they refuted the JJMU's claims of a problematic atmosphere created by higher facility populations in the DJS response memo but DJS stated that as the population increases at each facility, they increase staff.

- **Continuum of Opportunity Reentry Program and Services (CORPS) Program.** (GDU Goal 5) DJS was asked to submit a detailed update on the CORPS program. Below, please find the highlights from their memo. DJS provided an update on the information listed.
  - Youth Enrollment/ Youth Advocates: As of March 16, 2011, there have been 104 youth enrolled in the CORPS program. Each youth has been assigned to an Advocate.
  - Education: Pre-assessments in reading and mathematics started March 14<sup>th</sup> for youth, with the goal of completing all pre-assessments for youth enrolled before the end of March. Four teachers and a guidance counselor have been hired and are due to start by the end of March/ beginning of April. The Transition School site will be ready to open in April.
  - Employment: There have been two graduations to date. Interviews for the Job Developer position have occurred, and DJS expects to hire the candidate by April 6<sup>th</sup>. Youth Advocates are currently guiding enrolled youth in completing requirements for accessing Employment and Education Support Funds (EES), and expenditures will increase substantially over the next two months.
  - Community Service: Through the Mayor's Office, Community Law in Action (CLIA) and Oliver Community Center have been selected as partners for the community service component of CORPS. Community service projects are now being developed, and Youth Advocates will coordinate youth participation.
  - Mentoring: Mentoring for CORPS enrolled youth includes the Department's College Campus Mentoring Project (CCMP), which currently operates at Johns Hopkins University and Towson University (in the process of expanding to include University of Baltimore). Hiring of the Mentoring Coordinator is moving forward, and they will assist with the continued expansion of the College Campus Mentoring Program.

## Placements

- **Southern Maryland Placement.** DJS was asked to submit to StateStat a list of the possible sites that are being considered for the Region V Detention Center. DJS provided this data to StateStat and discussed the fact that they are still considering their options.
- **Hickey and Cheltenham Populations.** The charts below highlight the fact that the populations for both Hickey and Cheltenham have once again risen above their respective capacities. As mentioned earlier, DJS stated that these rates indicate total beds and the facilities can accommodate more youths than indicated.

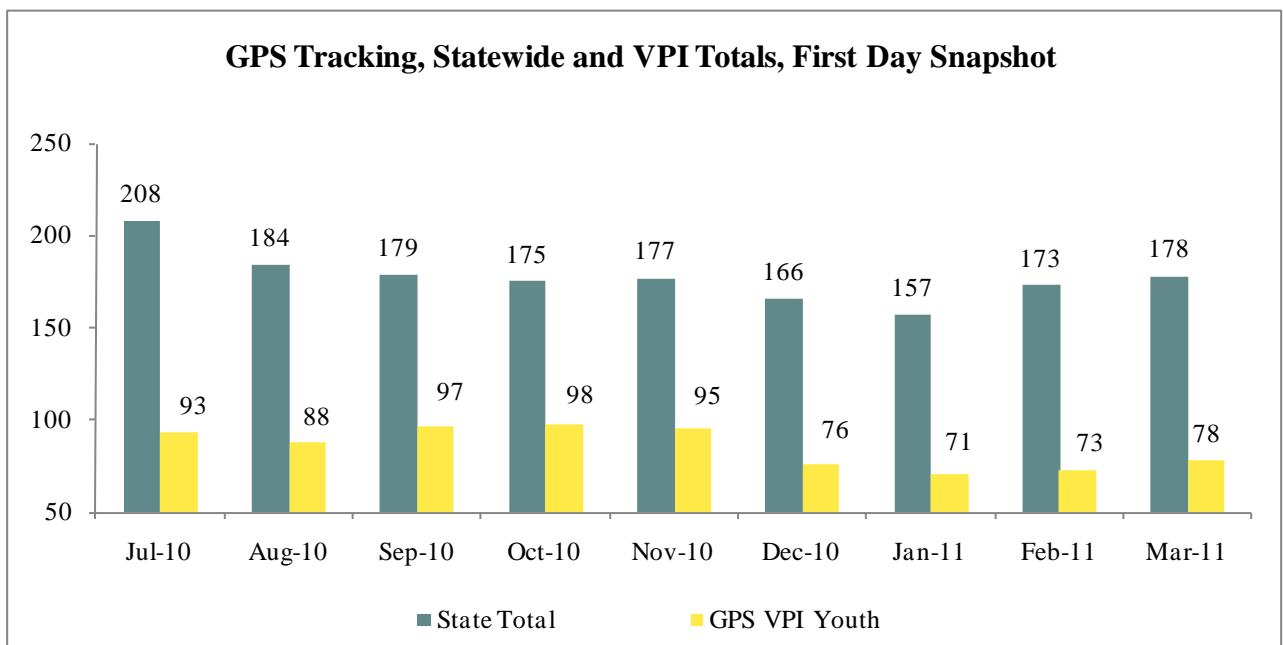


## Community Supervision

- **VPI Youth on GPS.** DJS was asked to provide an update on all circumstances where VPI youth are being placed on GPS.

VPI Standard Operating Procedures require the use of GPS in the following circumstances:

- On initial VPI identification (Level One) (60 days, which can be extended)
- As a sanction (any VPI level)
- During home passes from in-state hardware secure and staff secure residential placements
- On release from jail
- On discharge to the community from in-state and out-of-state hardware secure and staff secure residential placements (60 days)



## Evidence Based Services

- **Utilization.** (GDU Goal 5). The following chart details utilization of Evidence Based Services by DJS through March 25<sup>th</sup> 2011. The panel will note that utilization of EBS slots is at **93.3%** (308 filled/ 330 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 330 active slots, DJS reported that 47 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>MST</b>	<b>FFT</b>	<b>MTFC-A</b>
# of Contracted Slots	377	105	267	5
# of Slots Offline [staff vacancies or slots not online]	47	5	42	0
# of Active Slots	330	100	225	5
% of Contracted Slots Available	87.5%	95.2%	84.3%	100.0%
# of Active Cases/Families	308	92	211	5
% Filled of Active Slots	93.3%	92.0%	93.8%	100.0%
# of Vacancies	22	8	14	0
# of Youths Pending Admission	15	7	8	0
# of Active Cases (including Youths Pending Admission)	323	99	219	5
Projected Increase in Utilization (if the youths pending admissions are admitted)	97.9%	99.0%	97.3%	100.0%
% of Contracted Slots Active	81.7%	87.6%	79.0%	100.0%
<b>Total is as of March 25, 2011</b>				