

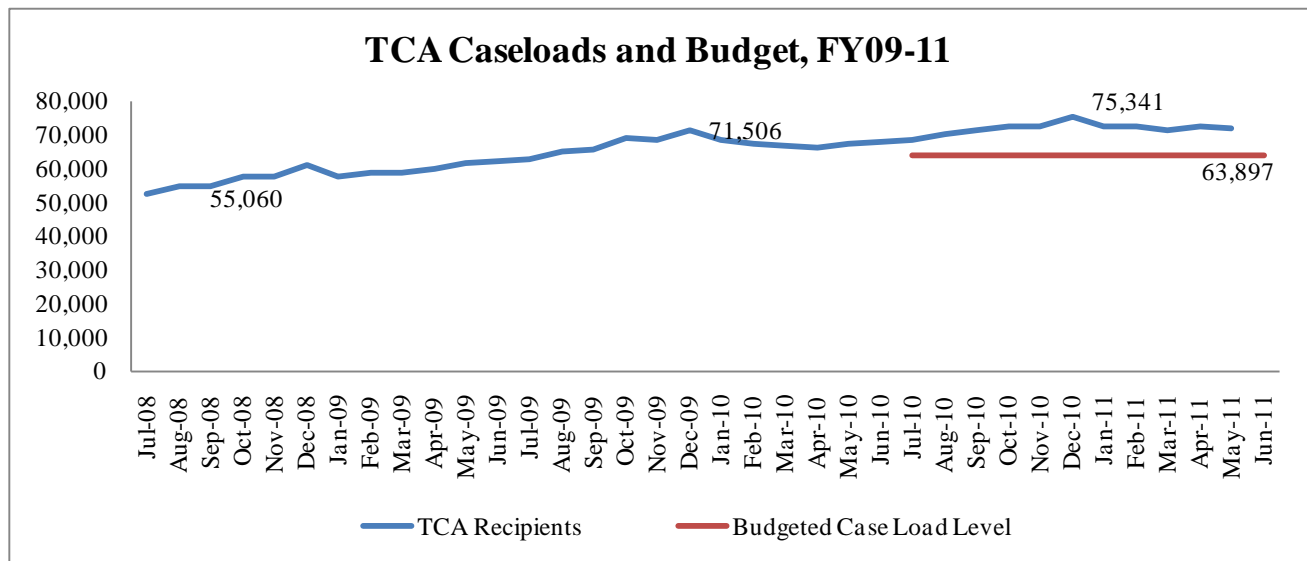
Meeting Summary

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DHR Stat on July 15, 2011. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

Family Investment Administration

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA).** Currently, Maryland uses the bulk of its TANF funding on the TCA program. According to DHR, TCA "provides cash assistance to needy families with dependent children when available resources do not fully address the family's needs and while preparing program participants for independence through work."

It was noted during the meeting that there is a rescission of funding by Congress of the TANF Contingency Fund contributing to a shortfall in the TANF program. The data below shows the rise of TCA caseloads and the caseload that DHR was budgeted for beginning in FY11. The most recent data shows that there are currently 73,473 TCA recipients. DHR noted that they applied for \$45 million but only were awarded \$11 million. DHR is currently working with several agencies to see what can be done to make up for the shortfall and they will provide updates in the coming weeks.



Temporary Cash Assistance Enrollment and Funding Trends FY2009-2012				
	2009	2010	2011 Est.	2012 Est.
Average Monthly Enrollment	58,426	67,422	75,283	78,579
Average Monthly Grant	\$175.70	\$174.17	\$174.17	\$174.17
Budgeted Funds in Millions				
General Funds	\$2.6	\$50.5	\$7.1	\$7.1
Total Funds	\$122.2	\$140.9	\$138.5	\$140.9
Department of Legislative Services Estimate			\$157.3	\$164.2
Shortfall			-\$18.9	-\$23.3

- **Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP) Plan.** As discussed at the last Stat, payments to help low-income Marylanders to cover their electric bills will decrease next year. The total funding for EUSP in FY12 is almost \$56 million, which is 30% lower than the FY11 budget of \$81 million. Marylanders taking part in the program are expected to receive, on average, \$323 a year in aid in 2012, down from \$444 in 2011. DHR is expected to have July EUSP application numbers and more updates on the program ready for the next Stat. They were also asked for number of people receiving DHR assistance and home weatherization.
- **Overall Statewide Compliance.** The compliance chart below shows the overall statewide rates for Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), The Food Supplement Programs (FSP, also known as Food Stamps) for Regular and Expedited compliance, Medical Assistance-Family and Children (MA-FAC), and the Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP). As seen throughout the last year, DHR has done an excellent job at keeping their rates at 95 percent or above.

Approved or Denied Trends							
Compliance Rate (Approved or Denied)	TCA	FSP	Ex-FSP	MA-FAC	MCHP	All Benefits	Goal
2/7/2011	98.9%	96.9%	98.7%	99.2%	99.0%	98.4%	100%
2/14/2011	99.3%	97.6%	98.7%	98.7%	96.7%	98.3%	100%
2/21/2011	97.8%	97.8%	98.5%	98.8%	98.0%	98.3%	100%
2/28/2011	98.3%	97.9%	98.1%	98.4%	97.5%	98.1%	100%
3/7/2011	99.2%	97.9%	99.5%	99.0%	98.3%	98.8%	100%
3/14/2011	99.5%	97.8%	99.0%	98.9%	97.5%	98.5%	100%
3/21/2011	98.9%	98.1%	99.3%	98.7%	97.7%	98.6%	100%
3/28/2011	98.7%	98.3%	98.8%	98.4%	95.7%	98.3%	100%
4/4/2011	98.9%	98.2%	99.0%	99.2%	97.8%	98.7%	100%
4/11/2011	99.4%	98.1%	99.5%	99.3%	98.5%	98.9%	100%
4/18/2011	98.9%	98.4%	99.0%	99.4%	98.4%	98.9%	100%
4/25/2011	98.5%	98.1%	99.1%	98.6%	99.1%	98.6%	100%
5/2/2011	98.1%	98.7%	98.9%	98.5%	98.0%	98.5%	100%
5/9/2011	99.4%	98.4%	99.4%	99.1%	99.5%	99.0%	100%
5/16/2011	99.1%	98.5%	99.2%	98.9%	97.6%	98.7%	100%
5/23/2011	98.9%	98.5%	98.7%	99.2%	99.0%	98.8%	100%
5/30/2011	99.3%	98.8%	98.7%	99.2%	98.9%	99.0%	100%
6/6/2011	98.3%	97.3%	97.9%	98.2%	98.3%	97.9%	100%
6/13/2011	98.1%	97.9%	99.6%	98.8%	98.6%	98.6%	100%
6/20/2011	98.4%	98.0%	98.3%	98.7%	97.2%	98.3%	100%
6/27/2011	98.4%	98.3%	97.2%	98.5%	97.9%	98.1%	100%
7/4/2011	98.5%	98.2%	97.8%	99.4%	99.2%	98.7%	100%
7/11/2011	98.4%	98.1%	98.5%	98.1%	98.5%	98.3%	100%

Social Services Administration (SSA)

- Permanency.** The table below shows Permanency data from FY08-FY11. As indicated, DHR had increases in permanency for all areas except Adoptions. Although DHR has indicated at several previous Stats that the number of children in care has been reducing every year, the dip from FY10 to FY11 in the Adoption rate is almost 6 percent. The panel was asked how they can improve Prince George's County numbers, especially because Baltimore City numbers have improved so drastically. DHR stated that they are working with Prince George's County to figure out new strategies to improve their numbers but DHR noted that Prince George's County has improved over the last month and that overall statewide numbers for kids in care is still trending downwards.

Place Matters -- Exits from Foster Care																
Jurisdiction	Reunification				Guardianship				Adoption				Other Exits **			
	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11
Allegany	22.6%	62.0%	78.2%	42.6%	32.1%	7.6%	7.7%	24.1%	24.5%	19.6%	7.7%	27.8%	20.8%	10.9%	6.4%	5.6%
Anne Arundel	40.9%	54.4%	38.2%	47.8%	7.3%	2.9%	12.4%	13.0%	24.5%	15.5%	24.7%	15.9%	27.3%	27.2%	24.7%	23.2%
Baltimore City	34.4%	41.3%	51.6%	53.7%	11.8%	17.7%	15.3%	20.1%	12.5%	18.5%	18.5%	11.1%	41.3%	22.5%	14.6%	15.1%
Baltimore	42.3%	42.3%	40.6%	40.3%	15.4%	12.3%	23.6%	25.0%	18.0%	24.9%	16.7%	16.9%	24.3%	20.5%	19.1%	17.8%
Calvert	34.5%	33.3%	47.1%	66.7%	13.8%	12.5%	17.6%	6.1%	34.5%	16.7%	29.4%	3.0%	17.2%	37.5%	5.9%	24.2%
Caroline	48.4%	16.7%	57.9%	46.7%	6.5%	11.1%	5.3%	13.3%	32.3%	44.4%	26.3%	13.3%	12.9%	27.8%	10.5%	26.7%
Carroll	29.0%	63.9%	60.0%	62.1%	38.7%	2.8%	0.0%	6.9%	25.8%	16.7%	20.0%	17.2%	6.5%	16.7%	20.0%	13.8%
Cecil	63.9%	40.8%	43.2%	58.7%	0.0%	12.2%	25.7%	15.9%	9.8%	31.6%	24.3%	15.9%	26.2%	15.3%	6.8%	9.5%
Charles	15.2%	36.6%	37.2%	20.6%	3.0%	9.8%	14.0%	26.5%	51.5%	36.6%	37.2%	29.4%	30.3%	17.1%	11.6%	23.5%
Dorchester	27.8%	20.0%	54.5%	64.3%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	45.0%	36.4%	14.3%	55.6%	25.0%	9.1%	21.4%
Frederick	59.8%	58.1%	54.4%	74.3%	11.6%	11.6%	16.2%	5.7%	15.2%	4.7%	25.0%	5.7%	13.4%	25.6%	4.4%	14.3%
Garrett	58.1%	66.7%	64.7%	48.8%	0.0%	0.0%	14.7%	11.6%	32.3%	13.3%	14.7%	20.9%	9.7%	20.0%	5.9%	18.6%
Harford	56.3%	50.5%	47.0%	49.2%	12.5%	12.6%	14.9%	25.8%	18.8%	20.7%	26.1%	13.3%	12.5%	16.2%	11.9%	11.7%
Howard	36.7%	44.7%	35.5%	37.9%	3.3%	0.0%	9.7%	3.4%	16.7%	31.6%	16.1%	13.8%	43.3%	23.7%	38.7%	44.8%
Kent	33.3%	50.0%	50.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	50.0%	25.0%	37.5%	16.7%	16.7%	25.0%	12.5%	50.0%
Montgomery	41.8%	35.0%	41.1%	45.2%	19.7%	6.8%	19.3%	17.2%	14.6%	24.4%	16.8%	22.6%	23.9%	33.8%	22.8%	15.1%
Prince George's	48.8%	49.3%	58.7%	54.6%	4.9%	0.7%	3.3%	5.3%	11.6%	11.3%	13.6%	9.2%	34.8%	38.7%	24.4%	30.9%
Queen Anne's	66.7%	53.8%	60.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	30.8%	10.0%	33.3%	16.7%	15.4%	30.0%	33.3%
St. Mary's	42.9%	42.9%	46.7%	32.5%	0.0%	11.4%	20.0%	25.0%	38.1%	28.6%	26.7%	32.5%	19.0%	17.1%	6.7%	10.0%
Somerset	37.5%	44.4%	47.1%	55.6%	6.3%	11.1%	5.9%	22.2%	12.5%	22.2%	29.4%	7.4%	43.8%	22.2%	17.6%	14.8%
Talbot	25.0%	0.0%	50.0%	88.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	90.9%	33.3%	11.8%	41.7%	9.1%	16.7%	0.0%
Washington	51.0%	65.0%	66.2%	62.1%	3.8%	1.9%	10.8%	8.9%	15.3%	21.7%	15.1%	16.9%	29.9%	11.5%	7.9%	12.1%
Wicomico	34.2%	26.5%	28.6%	13.0%	12.3%	6.1%	17.9%	0.0%	34.2%	38.8%	35.7%	34.8%	19.2%	28.6%	17.9%	52.2%
Worcester	22.2%	33.3%	40.9%	42.9%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	33.3%	27.8%	50.0%	14.3%	22.2%	38.9%	9.1%	38.1%
Statewide	39.1%	43.5%	50.8%	51.9%	11.4%	13.1%	14.8%	18.2%	15.5%	20.7%	19.1%	13.4%	34.0%	22.8%	15.3%	16.5%

Source: Child Welfare State Stat

Runaway/AWOL, Transfer to Another Agency, and Child Death
 ** Other Exits includes: Aging Out, Independence/Emancipation,

- Caseworker Visitation.** The Federal Standard for "Caseworker Visitation per Month" is 90 percent. Through May of this year, DHR is at 78 percent. DHR stated that their database is an old system and that IT improvements are being made to show the correct rates for caseworker visitation.

Prince George's County has been having the most problems with their visitation rate, as well as their rate for CPS investigations staying open longer than 60 days. The agency was asked to follow up with updates for Prince George's County for the next Stat.