

Meeting Summary

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DJS Stat on October 21, 2011. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

Follow-Up

- **Biometric Timekeeping.** DJS met with Kronos to talk about their biometric timekeeping services. They will follow up shortly.
- **Waxter - Carter Center.** The Carter Center has been depopulated of male youth to begin renovations and training for the new population of committed female youth.
- **Private Provider Restraints Increase.** Private Provider Placements have shown an increase in restraint use. DJS will update at next meeting the reason for the increase.
- **Quality Assurance Audits.** DJS, at a previous Stat, mentioned that they would be performing quality assurance audits at all of their regional offices. The first audit took place at the Annapolis office and DJS was asked to provide to StateStat a copy of the corrective action plan that was developed after the audit. The action plan noted the following concerns:
 - Social Histories were not being completed on time and some found in files were without signatures from Supervisors.
 - Only 45 percent of youth had a completed MCASP assessment within 25 days of disposition.
 - Although managers reported that 88 percent of cases had completed Treatment Service Plans and Client Outcome Inventories, the audit found that only 33 percent were in compliance.
 - The audit found that only 8 percent of files had a completed orientation form.
 - The audit states that the remainder of the findings comes directly from supervisor caseload reviews.

The Annapolis office is being used as a test site. In response to the audit, Annapolis is in the process of hiring more staff and is in the process of creating a corrective action plan.

- **Southern Maryland.** There are two additional public hearing scheduled to discuss the plan to build a detention facility in Waldorf, Maryland. Currently DJS is looking to find an appropriate moderator for the hearings. A letter will be sent out to the community with the dates of the public hearing meetings.

Case Review

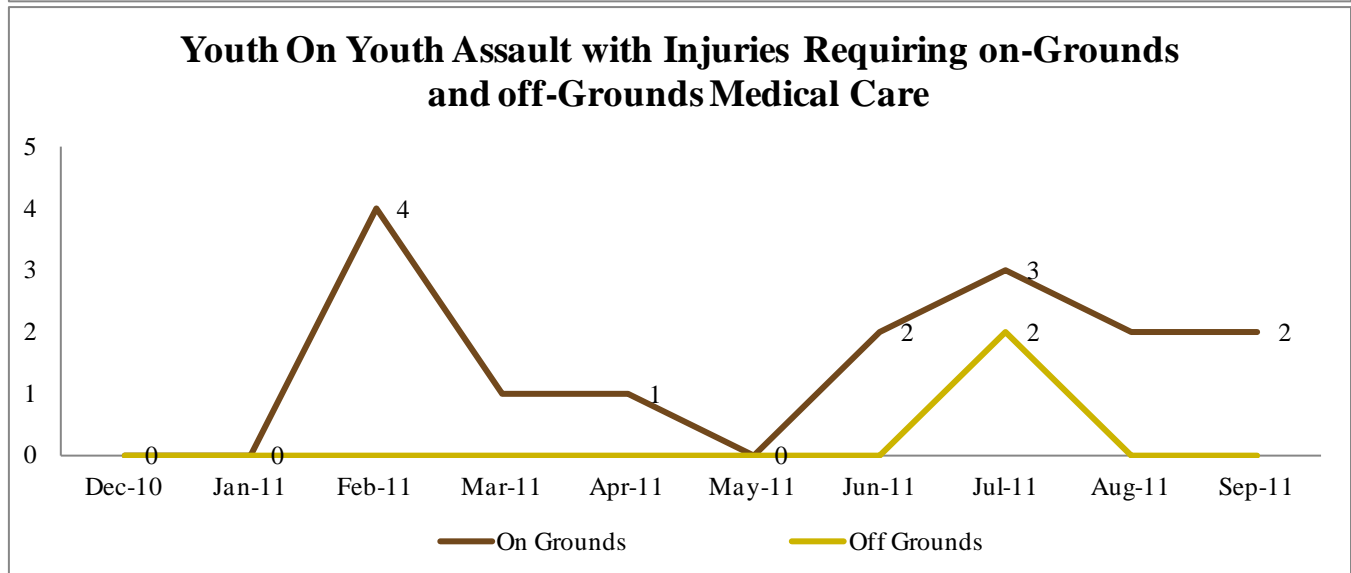
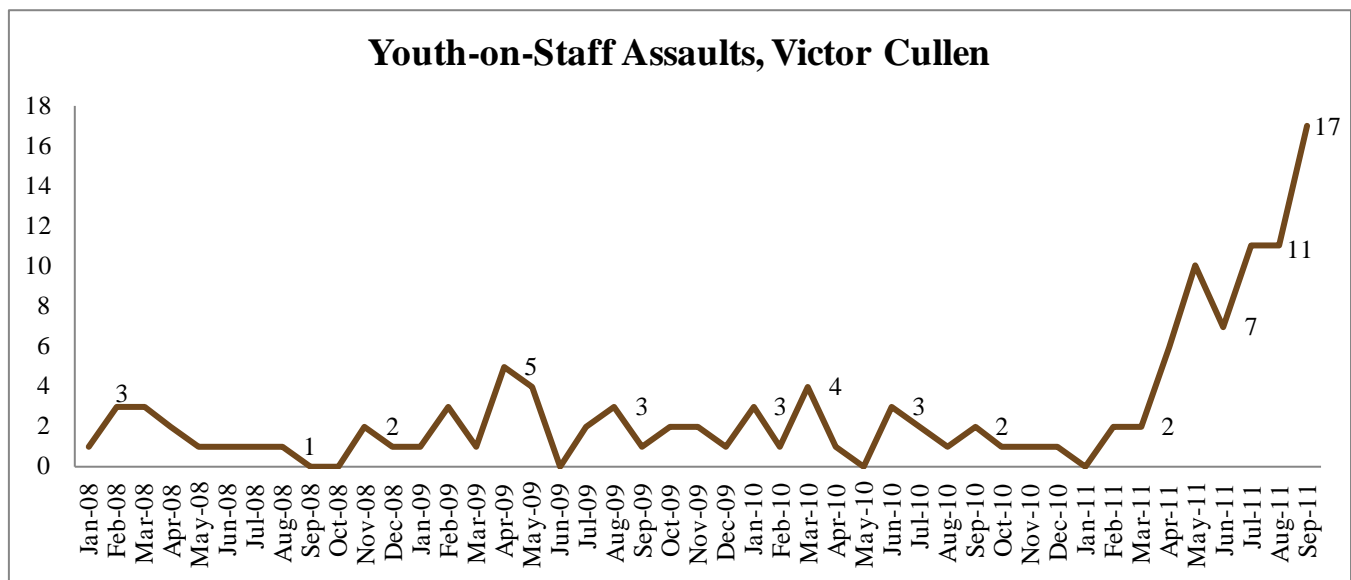
- Periodically, DJS and StateStat review cases at the meetings as a quality assurance measure. DJS reports changes they have made in their protocols based on the reviews. At this meeting, DJS reviewed the case of a youth who was killed while under DJS supervision. DJS also noted that the youth should have been detained until his last adjudication. Instead it was determined that he should be placed in VPI. During the investigation of this case, DJS found that for VPI youth, there is no regular drug testing for youth not in treatment. DJS has proposed a monthly field drug test for VPI youth.

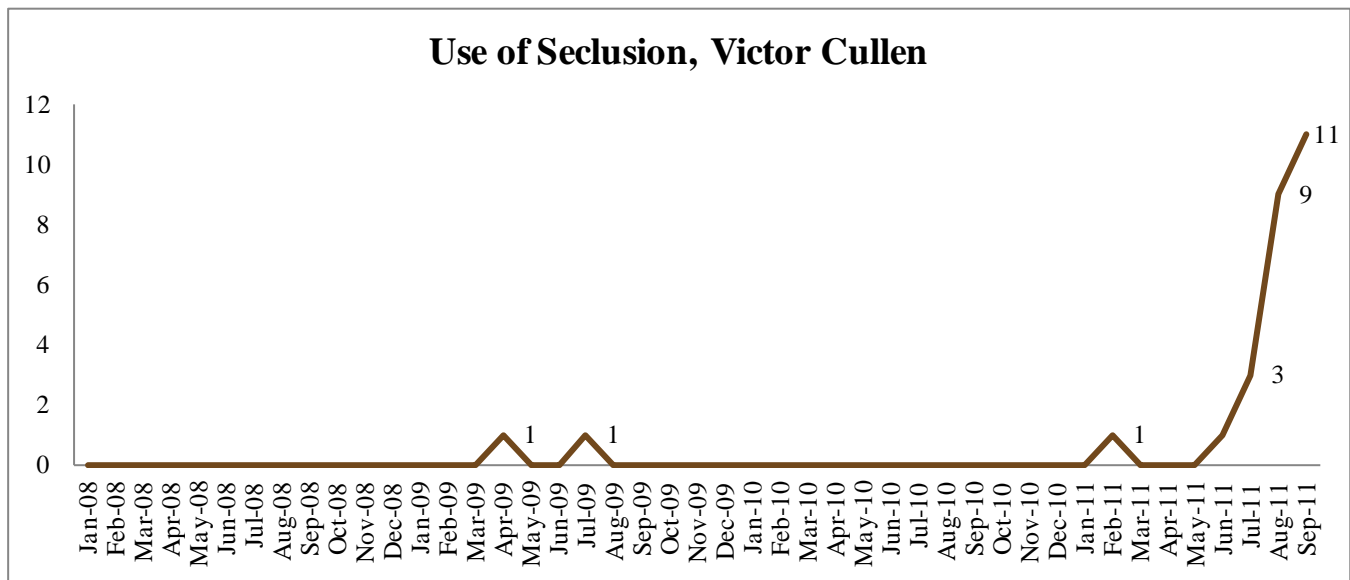
Placements

- Victor Cullen.** DJS was asked to provide a timeline for the implementation of all of their new Corrective Actions for Victor Cullen and in their follow-up to StateStat. To date, all electronic doors have been installed. In addition, three teachers from the Intensive Services Unit have resigned. Eleven new RA's have started and only two vacancies remain.

Updates regarding Prince George's County will be provided by DJS at the next meeting on the length of time it takes for youth returning from placement into the community. In addition, DJS should take a small sample from any jurisdiction to measure how long it takes to get youth returning from placement to receive educational services.

Regarding Youth-on-Staff assaults, out of the 17 assaults in September, no one was injured. The increase of use of seclusion and restraints in the past few months are currently not linked to incident data. DJS will report back next meeting with a method to try and correlate this data with other incidents.





- **Education at Cheltenham.** The education program at Cheltenham transferred from DJS to MSDE on October 1st of this year. According to DJS, new renovations have been done and the program has been successfully transferred over to MSDE as of October 5th.

Recidivism

- **Charges Obtained While in Placement and in the community by Youth on Probation.** As a follow-up item, based on the conversation on youths obtaining charges in placement, DJS was asked to, in the template, report new charges obtained by youth on probation that are in the community.

DJS reports that they looked at all intake referrals for September 2011, and analyzed those that were of youth already under supervision. There were 425 complaints by active probation or aftercare youth. Of these, just 23 represented complaints resolved by DJS; where the offense did not occur in placement. None were felonies. These complaints were generally handled by case managers through graduated sanctions. Thus, the overwhelming majority of offenses are forwarded to the SAO.

Additionally, DJS is developing an overall recidivism report for probation youth, which they feel would be the most appropriate addition to the template. This is being designed to follow best-practices, including adult offenses, and will be published probably annually or quarterly. DJS feels that reporting this number monthly would not be particularly useful or meaningful considering the September data review.

Also, based on conversations that DJS had with the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office, according to the State’s Attorney’s Office, DJS may be able to charge youth on Community Detention (CD) with escape. DJS has said that all youth on VPI who get a new charge will be charged with a Violations of Probation (VOP).