

**Board of Juvenile Justice  
Thursday, June 24, 2010  
10:00 a.m.**

**Department of Juvenile Justice  
3408 Covington Highway  
Decatur, Georgia 30032-1513**

**Opening Remarks**

J. Daniel Shuman, Chair

Chairman Shuman called to order the June 24, 2010 meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and DJJ Board of Education. He noted the time as 10:00 a.m.

**DJJ Staff Present:** Rob Rosenbloom; Ronnie Woodard; Jeff Minor; Amy Howell; Dr. Michelle Staples Horne; Dr. Jack Catrett; Coy Satterfield; Steve Hayes; Nathan Cain; Cherecia Kline; Diana Newell; Rick Harrison; Sharon Starks; Martha Patton; Yvonne Sanders-Brown; Fabienne Tate; Robin Florie; Jackie Kelsey; Dallis Davis; Latera Davis; Audrey Holliday; Victor Roberts; Sheila Hunter

**Others:** Destiny Washington (Attorney's General Office); Scheree Moore (State Board of Pardons & Paroles); Eva Lou Shuman; Kosha Tucker (Emory/Barton Center); Dr. Catherine Pickard (Metro Atlanta Counseling); Helen Sloat (Nelson Mullins)

Chairman Shuman asked that all attendees stand and state their name and organization affiliation. The Chairman asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation.

**Roll Call**

Chairman Shuman asked for the roll to be called. Cherecia Kline conducted the roll call of attendance.

**Board Members Present:** Larry Barnes; Michael Baugh; Van Herrin; James Kelly; Elizabeth Lindsey; Perry McGuire; Daniel Menefee; Dexter Rowland (via conference call); J. Daniel Shuman; Stephen Simpson; Elaine Snow; Sandra Taylor

**Advisory Council Members Present:** Judge Quintress Gilbert (after roll call)

Noting the presence of a quorum of the Board, Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the June 24, 2010 Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education.

Larry Barnes moved to approve the agenda for the June 24, 2010 Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education meeting. Van Herrin seconded the motion. The Chairman called for the vote and the motion was carried.

Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2010 of the Board of Juvenile Justice and the DJJ Board of Education and asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Larry Barnes moved to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2010 of the Board of Juvenile Justice and the DJJ Board of Education. Van Herrin seconded the motion. The Chairman called for the vote and the motion was carried.

### **Commissioner's Report**

Garland R. Hunt, Esq., Commissioner

Commissioner Hunt said good morning to everyone. Commissioner Hunt stated he was honored to be recommended by Governor Perdue and appointed by the Board for the position of Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Commissioner Hunt said Governor Perdue appointed in 2004 to the State Board of Pardon and Parole. He also said he was sworn in the same day Albert Murray was sworn in as Commissioner of Department of Juvenile Justice and James Donald to the Department of Correction.

Commissioner Hunt stated he has great respect for Albert Murray and his accomplishment at DJJ. He stated Mr. Murray will serve a 7 years term and was rewarded for a job well done at DJJ by Governor Perdue.

Commissioner Hunt said he is a minister and a lawyer. He stated because he studied ministry it helped him to understand law even better. Commissioner Hunt stated titles are one thing but his core values and life passion remains constant.

Commissioner Hunt said he believes in serving leadership and will do his best to serve the people of Georgia to the best of his ability. He said the word minister means servant and a minister serves his congregation. Commissioner Hunt stated he is a public servant and will be committed to serving Georgia as well as DJJ.

Commissioner Hunt also said he is committed to excellences. He stated excellence is a standard that he lives by. Commissioner Hunt said he expects his team to exhibit that type of standards and move forward with efficiency as they move forward with their endeavors. He stated he believes in team work and said he does not really focus on position because no one position is more important than the other. He said everyone has to serve their functions and work as a team.

Commissioner Hunt said he believes there is hope for the youth that are in DJJ's supervision and care. He stated he believes every child has the ability to change and succeed. He also stated he is excited about DJJ's education and the programs.

Commissioner Hunt thanked the Board for their vote of confidence and apologized for missing the May Board meeting; however, he was chosen by the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange Program out of Georgia State University to study counterterrorism and emergency management in Israel. He stated the program is lead by Dr. Robert Friedmann. Commissioner Hunt said the trip was very valuable and rewarding for me and the 20-member delegation of law enforcement officials who traveled there from mainly Georgia.

Commissioner Hunt said since the last board meeting the Division of Youth Services has had several training opportunities for community staff. Each of the four regions is conducting juvenile program manager training that includes agency updates and information related to supervision of case managers. Each one day training meeting has been productive. The second training opportunity has been for the juvenile probation and parole specialists (JPPS staff). Their training has been in Forsyth and provided new information on changes in the law and skill enhancement training. These trainings were held locally in order to minimize travel costs.

A major initiative is underway to implement the new legislation HB 1104. Commissioner Hunt reminded the Board they have received updates on this legislation that now allows for probation administrative hearings and a new 7, 14, and 30-day secure probation sanction program (SPS). Without much time between the end of the legislative session and July 1, 2010, the new policies and procedures have been developed, and the program that will be at the RYDCs will be ready to put in place. On June 29 2010, a statewide training event on the new process will take place in Forsyth in order to roll out the new requirements of the law and our new SPS program. DJJ is working with the Council of Juvenile Court Judges on some aspects of this roll out and program approach. Commissioner Hunt said the RYDCs and YDCs have approached full capacity and a few centers had some incidents of concern. The Savannah RYDC incident was in the local news and DJJ received assistance from local law enforcement in helping resolve the incident. Commissioner Hunt stated he would be looking at all the issues related to youth disturbances to evaluate the circumstances and see where DJJ can address these incidents in ways that they will be minimized in the future. He stated him along with Deputy Commissioner Rob Rosenbloom will be meeting with all the center directors, both YDCs and RYDCs in the state, and their supervisors, to discuss these incidents in general and get their feedback so all points can be evaluated.

Commissioner Hunt stated the Commissioner's report is in their board folder and he will only highlight a few things.

From Programs and Support Services and from the Office Behavioral Health Services:

Rick Harrison and Jody Tarleton from the Office of Behavioral Health participated in the Augusta YDC graduation ceremony on June 4, 2010, and presented certificates to 29 young men who had completed the Seven Challenges Treatment Program. The Augusta staff has done a phenomenal job in delivering the Seven Challenges Program to youth who are in the general population rather than in a residential unit based program. Many of the graduates had family members who were present and were able to celebrate following the ceremony at a reception provided by Augusta YDC staff. These young men and their families have taken a major step towards a successful future and should be very proud of this accomplishment. The partnership

with the education ceremony was a great success and many of the Seven Challenges program graduates received education recognition or diplomas.

The Office of Health Services focused on addressing our obesity epidemic in the month of June. Food Service and Nutrition staff, as a part of their Professional Development Course (PDC), received a course on childhood obesity on June 3 and 4, 2010. The PDC included other pertinent topics such as sanitation and food temperature control. The Office of Health Services is also distributing a wellness survey to central office staff to determine employee interest in participating in fitness and wellness classes to be offered here at central office.

**From the Office of Training:**

Commissioner Hunt said he had the opportunity on May 22, 2010 to meet and greet the BJCOT Class #152 class. They were acknowledged finished at 100% attendance. He stated it was a first for DJJ and they celebrated the graduates with a luncheon

BJCOT Class #154 class graduation will be on May 30, 2010. A total of 32 candidates are scheduled for graduation that will be on Friday, June 25, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center Auditorium. The guest speaker will be John Brady, Facility Director, at Augusta YDC. The ceremony is open to all staff and the public.

To align with the Agency's reorganization of functions, the Criminal History Unit is in the process of being transitioned from the Office of Training to the Office of Human Resources. The transition will be effective, July 1, 2010.

**Safe Crisis Management Update:**

As we progress through Phase II of the Rollout Implementation Training, the following facilities began training June 7, 2010 are as follows: Sumter YDC and Crisp RYDC.

The total trained in the 4-Day SCM Implementation Training for Security Staff is listed in your copy of the board report.

In addition, information concerning the training opportunities offered by the Office of Training and its partners, located in your board report.

In addition, the Office of Training facilitated the training of the following Professional Development Courses at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center:

Office of Human Resources, May 11-12, 2010. There were 91 trainees in attendance.

Office of Health Services, May 5-7, 2010. There were 84 trainees in attendance.

**From the Office of Legal Services:**

Terri Kight (DJJ Policy Coordinator), Pam Sloane, and Jeff Coleman (Legal Services Officers) are all participating in the HB 1104 policy update and training development. This is the bill which modifies STP procedures and probation revocations which I mentioned earlier in this report. Pam Sloane will lead the due process training for DJJ hearing officers.

Terri Kight will accompany Dallis Davis (Internal Investigations Director) to provide Special Incident Report (SIR) training to field management. The current schedule is included in your comments.

Commissioner Hunt said he is very excited about what is going at DJJ. He stated he has moved to expand the Office of Media & Public Relations to the Office of Communications.

Commissioner Hunt said he has appointed Ms. Scheree Moore to be the Director. Commissioner Hunt asked Ms. Moore to stand to be recognized by the Board. Ms. Moore will be coming on board July 1, 2010 as Director of Communications and will oversee the Office of Media and Public Relations as well as legislative services and constituent services. Scheree has a proven track record in communications and media related services. She is coming over from the Parole Board where she has been extremely successful in her position there. Commissioner Hunt said he had the opportunity to work with her on the parole board and her addition to the DJJ staff will improve communications, as well as fill the need for a legislative staff member to direct those functions. Due to her vacancy at the Parole Board, Mr. Hayes has decided to go to the Parole Board. Commissioner Hunt said for the short time that he has worked with Mr. Hayes he has proven to be a valuable employee and he will be missed.

Commissioner Hunt announced that a few DJJ staff was elected to the ACA Association. Deputy Commissioner Rob Rosenbloom was re-elected to the Board of Governors. Ronnie Woodard, Corinne Jackson and John Rogers were elected to represent juvenile justice in a delegate assemble.

Commissioner Hunt concluded his report and asked if there were any questions; there were none.

Chairman Shuman called for the next agenda item and asked for a motion from the Board to close the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and open the DJJ Board of Education meeting.

Board member Sandra Taylor called for a motion to close the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and open the DJJ Board of Education meeting. The motion was seconded by Bruce Garraway. The motion carried.

### **Education Update**

Dr. Jack Catrett, Associate Superintendent  
Department of Juvenile Justice

Dr. Catrett greeted the Board, Chairman Shuman, staff, and visitors.

Dr. Catrett said the high school language arts curriculum books are currently in DJJ's school. The teachers will be trained on the new books and new system this summer.

Dr. Catrett said his curriculum department has started to update its character education program. Dr. Catrett thanked Board member Jim Kelly for his interest and support.

Dr. Catrett mentioned DJJ Contact Area Consortium will be completed in July. He stated a manual would be put together will be ready in the fall. The Contact Area Consortium will line up Georgia Performance Standards throughout K5-12 system.

He stated 143 youth completed the CTA programs which is DJJ's vocational programs. 263 youth completed their technical course with 17 receiving their college certificate.

Dr. Catrett said DJJ received the extra funds for the Macon YDC Afterschool program. He stated in the fall they would add the Macon YDC to the other schools that have an afterschool program. Currently there is an afterschool program at the Augusta and Muscogee YDC.

Dr. Catrett said the other programs at Augusta and Muscogee YDC focus mostly on reading and math. He stated they are waiting on the preliminary scores on those programs. He said they have seen a big improvement in the pretest and post-test scores.

He stated they met with Georgia State Personnel Preliminary Planning on their \$3 million grant to work with the New Mexico and Oregon DJJ. Dr. Catrett said the group would work together to develop a national model on positive peer behavior support in the classroom. Dr. Catrett said they will try to determine ways for youth in a positive manner using positive reinforcements. Dr. Catrett will give DJJ a chance to share with other teachers in the other states and have that as a model for others who offers alternative schools in the nation.

Dr. Catrett announced for the first time in months there are several vacancy. There is a science teacher vacancy at DeKalb RYDC. There is a special education science vacancy at the Metro RYDC. There is also a math and science teacher vacancy at the Martha K. Glaze. At the Macon RYDC, there is a social studies teacher vacancy. Dr. Catrett stated these positions are only open to the teachers that were rified.

Dr. Catrett said his office is busy reviewing the IEP's (Individual Education Plan). He stated they are working really hard to make sure there is a good IEP in place for next year for their special education students.

On June 14, 2010 there was a meeting with the DOE (Department of Education) and DJJ Special Education Department. Dr. Catrett said they met to negotiate how DJJ will be monitored. He stated they will be looking at two types of monitoring that will be on a 6-year cycle. He said there would be a paper review of three RYDC every year. The second type of monitoring that would be done is called focused monitoring where DOE would come into a school; monitor the lessons being taught to ensure the IEP's are being implemented. These monitoring will be done at DJJ's YDC facilities every other year.

Dr. Catrett stated Board member Elaine Snow attended the graduation at the Bob Richards RYDC. He stated one student graduated and there were about 150 people attended. Eight of his teachers from his public school also attended the graduation.

The Sumter YDC graduation will be July 9, 2010 at 10:00 am. The Eastman YDC graduation will be July 30, 2010, at 10:00 am. He encourages the Board to attend.

Dr. Catrett said his department would continue to work on SACS upcoming visits in October.

Dr. Catrett asked Mr. Satterfield to come before the Board to discuss DJJ school calendar for 2010-2011.

Mr. Satterfield handed out the DJJ School Calendar for 2010 – 2011. He indicated the planning dates are highlighted in blue, state holidays in red and school breaks in green. He stated the school year would begin on Tuesday, August 9, 2010. Mr. Satterfield said the spring and fall semester would consist of 90 days each, which totals 180 days instructional days. He also stated there is a 40 days summer session that is used to help the youth remediate in some of their core content areas.

Mr. Satterfield said there is a week set aside in April for Career Fairs that will take place at the YDC facilities. That fair is comprised of 10-20 local businesses, as well as, the Armed Forces and state agencies at the facilities. The business also conduct actual interviews with the youth to make them aware of the different employment opportunities based upon the skills they have.

Mr. Satterfield said the testing dates indicated on the DJJ school calendar coincide with the testing dates at DOE.

Mr. Satterfield said DJJ provides a two-day staff development workshop for their teachers that will be October 12 and 13, 2010. They provide current instructional assistance to the teachers and enable them to earn their Professional Learning Units (PLU) in which they have to earn 10 in 5 years in order to continue teaching and administration certification.

Mr. Satterfield said the office of training provide the teachers with their annual CPR which is the American Heart Association training and the Safe Crisis Management Training in March 2011.

Mr. Satterfield asked the Board to review the calendar and approve it for distribution.

Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to approve the DJJ School Calendar for 2010-2011. Bruce Garraway moved to approve the calendar; Daniel Menefee seconded the motion. The chairman called for the vote and the motion was carried.

Dr. Catrett thanked Steve Hayes for his hard work he did for the Office of Education.

Dr. Catrett concluded his report and asked if there were any questions.

Board member Jim Kelly said at the last Board meeting Dr. Catrett mentioned DJJ had received some raw data scores related to the CRCT test. Jim Kelly asked when the Board would get the results of the CRCT testing.

Dr. Catrett said DJJ received individual test scores so that they would know which youth needs remediation. He stated as soon as they receive those results back that they will make a presentation to the Board.

Board member Perry McGuire asked if IEPs are done for short-term placement.

Dr. Catrett said yes. He stated when a youth entered to a RYDC; they bring with them an IEP. Dr. Catrett said sometimes their IEP is out of date. The staff determines if that youth's IEP is appropriate or if it needs to be updated.

Mr. McGuire asked if teachers or a separate department develop the IEP's.

Dr. Catrett said a team of teachers develops the IEP's. He also stated DJJ IEP teams consist of whatever treatment that is at the facility.

Board member Larry Barnes asked IEP team involved the parents.

Dr. Catrett said there is a high percentage of parental involvement.

Mr. McGuire said he knows DJJ receives federal subsidies for special education programs. He asked what percentage of DJJ's education budget for special education supports the programs that are covered by those subsidies.

Dr. Catrett said DJJ receives Title VI flow through money. That money is designed to supplement program rather than supplant.

Mr. McGuire asked if special education teachers are paid through the State.

Dr. Catrett said yes.

Hearing no further questions, Chairman Shuman called for the next agenda item and asked for a motion from the Board to close the DJJ Board of Education meeting and resume the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. Daniel Menefee made the motion. Sandra Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Shuman called for the next item on the agenda; Population Forecast Presentation update.

## **Population Forecast Presentation Update**

Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Juvenile Justice

Jeff Minor greeted everyone. He introduced to the population forecast and stated Sheila Hunter who is the director of planning research and evaluation was the principal on the project among many others. Mr. Minor said she has provided an outline as well as the population forecast report and will present to the Board from the forecast. Mr. Minor asked the Board to follow through the report. He stated he felt it was a good time to talk about the population forecast and it is tool that DJJ use very heavily as they prepare for a another budget cycle.

Mr. Minor stated the Board was sent a document from the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Supervision Program (OJJDP) bulletin. The methodology that was used is a very comprehensive projection model and is based on a model developed and described in that bulletin by Jeffrey Butts and William Adams. He stated they believe OJJDP methodology is considered best practice in anticipating space needs in juvenile justice settings. A requirement of that approach forecasting is that they must have a very data rich environment.

Mr. Minor said almost everything that is done in juvenile justice in Georgia is entered into the juvenile tracking system (JPS). Hard work on the part of staff at every level allows DJJ to query that information. He stated without that system there is no way they could have applied such a comprehensive and complex forecasting methodology.

Mr. Minor stated the population forecast is an ongoing process that is helping DJJ anticipate it future space needs and manage its resources. He stated the forecast would tell what would happen if things continue the way they are. He also said the population forecast will probable raise more questions than it answers.

Mr. Minor thanked Ms. Hunter for her hard work and asked her to continue with the population forecast presentation.

Ms. Hunter said it was a pleasure to come before the Board to talk about the population forecast that she has been working on for months. She said she would discuss the description of the methodology that DJJ used and how its evolution. Ms. Hunter also said she would talk about the summary results that will explain what the data is really saying about which populations will get bigger or smaller.

Ms. Hunter stated the population forecast document is very dense and she wants her presentation to be a discussion with the Board. She said the population forecast document would be available on the DJJ website in the near future.

Ms. Hunter said to create a population forecast; a lot of information is entered. One of the first thing that was put into the forecast was the based population also known as the at risk population. Ms. Hunter asked the Board to turn to page two of the Population Forecast. She

indicated the line on the graph represented the population of youth in Georgia between the ages of 10 and 17. She said based on the graph; this population is growing in Georgia. She said the population forecast also use Legal Starts. A Legal Start is like Intake expects DJJ uses Intake in many of different ways. Legal Starts are an account of how many youth are coming into a certain placement with certain legal status. A particular youth can have multiple Legal Starts because a youth can go from one RYDC to another RYDC or unto an YDC facility. Ms. Hunter stated they try to track all youth as they move through the system to determine how they are influencing DJJ resources. The population forecast also uses a youth length of stay.

Ms. Hunter said most of the graphs in the population forecast document are on average daily population (ADP). She asked the Board to refer to page 2 of the population forecast document. She stated the first legal status category is Intake where the youth is first introduced to DJJ. Most Intakes are served in the community where a youth waits for their adjudication process to begin. The second legal status category is Diversion and it provides and finds ways for the youth to serve in the community. The third legal status category is Probation. She stated Probation is a big population at DJJ. Ms. Hunter said the fourth legal status category is Short Term Program (STP). She stated the STP line has actually decreased over the years. She said that has been motivated by the changes in length of stay. Ms. Hunter said Regular commitment population has also decrease a little. Designated Felon population has increased based on some residual trends.

Board member Sandra Taylor asked for further clarification of the graph.

Ms. Hunter said the graph should be read by looking at the thickness of the line and not the levelness of it.

Ms. Taylor said her concerns with the graph are the number of youth in residence is staying constant.

Ms. Hunter said it is likely that many those youth are being sent to designated felons or they have moved on somewhere else in DJJ.

Ms. Hunter asked the Board to turn to page three. The graph indicates DJJ biggest population is in the community. She stated 83% of DJJ population is in the Community as of fiscal year 2009.

Ms. Hunter said when you look at (ADP) you have to keep in mind you are looking at the average that tends to fluctuate. She said the graph hides regional, gender and special youth needs.

Ms. Hunter asked the Board to turn to page seven. Designated felon (DF) refers to youth who have been placed in DJJ custody for a maximum of five years.

In fiscal year 2006, there was a 16% jump in the number of youth with new designated felon commitments. This caused the average daily population to grow by about 160 youth each year. Since then, the number of youth starting new DF commitments has leveled off. With the number of new DF commitments leveling off and the length of stay is reaching its maximum lengths, the

increase in the DF daily population should also leveling off. However, the growth has been so significant that by fiscal year 2011, the DF daily population is expected to be over 2000 youth.

Ms. Hunter asked the Board to turn to page eight of the Population Forecast document.

The Designated Felon population has grown mostly significantly in the community. DF youth are generally supervised in the community for over three years after they serve time in the YDC. This means that while the YDC population has begun to level off, the community population will not level off for several more years.

She stated most recently, there has been a flip between having the majority of DF being served in the YDC and now DJJ is serving more of them in the community. Ms. Hunter said this is due to their long length of stay. A youth can serve 2 years at an YDC facility and then serve their remaining time in the community.

Judge Gilbert asked if that is what is called supervised probation.

Rob Rosenbloom said it is called Aftercare.

Ms. Hunter discussed the Regular Commitment Populations and stated the greatest change to the regular commitment population has been the policy decision to place few regular commitment youth in long-term secure confinement at the YDC. This decision in early fiscal year 2010 is essential for managing the YDC population without over-crowding. Currently, only about thirty beds are available for regular commitment youth in the YDC.

Board member Elizabeth Lindsey asked while DJJ is getting the designated felons and the regular commitments back to the communities that are not in a facility are there any indications or studies as to what that done to recidivism.

Ms. Hunter said the recidivism rate will be higher if you have a youth at a facility verses them being in the community. She stated it is more difficult to measure how a youth will learn to become a better adult.

Judge Gilbert asked if the data reflects the facilities that are non-DJJ facilities, probation or community services.

Ms. Hunter answered no.

Judge Gilbert asked why those figures were not included.

Ms. Hunter said DJJ have residential placement so that includes Room Board Watchful Oversight. She stated some of the diversion youth are placed in residential placement, which means they are placed in beds that are not at a DJJ facility.

Judge Gilbert asked how many non-DJJ facilities courts there are.

Mr. Minor asked Judge Gilbert if she was referring to independent verses dependant courts. He stated he was not sure but he believes the number was around 16. He said those courts do probation and intake and DJJ do not have their data because it is not in JTS. Mr. Minor said what DJJ include from independent courts is any youth from an independent court who is in an RYDC bed who is receiving electronic monitoring provided by DJJ. Mr. Minor said DJJ provides a number of tracking and emergency shelter opportunities out in the independent court counties as well as the dependant court counties. He stated this is done because there is a direct impact on DJJ beds if those resources are not available.

Mr. McGuire said the recidivism argument is a good to have moving forward but he would like to see more numbers relating to that. He believes there are many citizens who feel there may be a higher recidivism rate because youth who would normally be in DJJ's custody are not and as a result, may create a public safety issue in the DJJ community.

Mr. Minor said DJJ's latest recidivism report is published and is available on the website. Mr. Minor stated recidivism is just as complicated as population forecast and there are many things that makes the needle moves. He said one of the biggest is a youth age. If a child comes to DJJ at the age of 13 there changes of recidivism is very high and if they come to DJJ at age 16 the recidivism is a lot less.

Ms. Hunter asked the Board to refer to page 17 and 18 of the population forecast.

Ms. Hunter said the graph indicates a blue line, which depicts DJJ current RYDC capacity at 1287. The graph also depicts how DJJ will surpass that capacity with the breakup of all the legal status. The analysis of STP RYDC placements demonstrates how the RYDC population fluctuates by 100 youth within a given year. Responsible planning buffers the average anticipated DJJ facility needs by at least 100 beds. A buffer of this size does not eliminate overcrowding, but it does make it more manageable.

Ms. Lindsey asked if DJJ needs to have 100 more beds to accommodate the fluctuation.

Mr. Minor said yes; if things stay the same then DJJ will need additional beds. He said it does not mean that is the only solution but DJJ will need to work with the Board and the Office of Planning and Budget for a solution.

Board member Michael Baugh said he is seeing the recidivism rate in his area go up and judges need to be given more leeway to release youth that are in DJJ facilities that are doing well.

Mr. Minor said this would be part of DJJ's conversation moving forward about what strategies they feel more comfortable pursuing and make recommendations to Governor Perdue.

Ms. Hunter said the YDC population was been drastically cut in fiscal year 2010 due to the closure of 300 beds at Bill Ireland YDC. The closure was a response to significant agency budget cuts and managed by nearly eliminating STP and Regular commitment youth from YDC campuses.

She stated going forward if things stayed the same; DJJ YDC population will almost exclusively be designated felons, which they does not have a lot of leeway to manage. She stated the graph on page 18 shows the capacity by gender so the Board can easily see the differences on where the population may be stressed.

Ms. Hunter asked if there were any further questions; there were none.

Chairman Shuman called for the next item on the agenda; customer service update.

### **Customer Service Update**

Steve Hayes, Customer Service Chairperson  
Department of Juvenile Justice

Mr. Hayes the next Governor's Quarterly Customer Service awards ceremony will be July 15. He said there are several DJJ employee and team nominations being considered.

Mr. Hayes also mentioned the Georgia 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Customer Service awards would be on October 12, 2010 at the Georgia World Congress Center from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Mr. Hayes encouraged the Board to attend.

Mr. Hayes then informed the board that it had been a pleasure working with them these past four years and that the working relationship has helped him prepare for his new challenge at the Parole Board. He thanked the board members for their professionalism.

### **Chairman's Comments**

Chairman J. Daniel Shuman  
Board of Juvenile Justice

Chairman Shuman asked if there was any unfinished business. Hearing none, he asked if there was any new business. Hearing none, Chairman Shuman announced that the next DJJ Board Meeting would be at the central office on July 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice.

Board Member Stephen Simpson made the motion, and Board Member Daniel Menefee made the second.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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J. Daniel Shuman, Chair  
Board of Juvenile Justice

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Garland R. Hunt, Esq.  
Commissioner

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Daniel A. Menefee, Secretary  
Board of Juvenile Justice