

Other Important 2009 Metrics		
	Q1	Q1-Q4
Number of cases assigned	6,391	6,391
Number of clients assigned	5,829	5,829
Number of clients screened	2,762	2,762
Percent of clients screened	47%	47%
Number of promissory notes issued	2,345	2,345
\$ amount of promissory notes issued	219,467	219,467
Number of expert funding requests received	574	574
Number of expert requests denied by OPD	30	30
Other Notable Items Q1'09 - Q2'09		

OPD held two major continuing legal education trainings (CLEs) in the first quarter of 2009. A full-day CLE in January 2009 dealt with Client Communication and Other Issues in Public Defense and included presentations by mental health professionals as well as by trial level and appellate criminal defense attorneys. A three-day CLE in April/May 2009 will train attorneys in Trial Advocacy for Public Defenders.

Regular meetings have continued with assigned counsel attorneys, including a CLE brown bag in January 2009 regarding proposed changes in the Superior Court Criminal Department and a CLE brown bag in April 2009 regarding the Interstate Compact on Adult Offender Supervisions, in cooperation with District Court probation personnel.

State OPD indicated at the end of the legislative session that although its budget was cut 2.3%, it anticipates that state public defense funding for counties will remain at the same level as the past year for the new biennium.

OPD, DCHS and OMB worked collaboratively with public defense contractors and KCBA to examine the public defense payment model, pursuant to a KCC budget proviso. A report has been transmitted to Council summarizing the work, which would impact public defense budgets. Additional analysis has been provided to KCC on case weighting proposal from contractors.

OPD is waiting for Council approval of proviso report to extend contract through June 30.

King County Council passed an ordinance changing the public defense contract cycle, with contract periods to run July 1 to June 30, rather than calendar basis. 2008 contracts were extended until the start of the first such contracts in 2009.

2009 Business Plan Performance Measures							
Measure	Status	Hist Avg	08 Target	08 Act	09 Target	1Q09 YTD Act	Bench mark
Variance in Felony Caseload	⬇	1.3%	≤ 0%	-15.2%	≤ 0%	2.0%	
Variance in Misdemeanor Caseload	⬇	1.6%	≤ 0%	-7.3%	≤ 0%	-7.0%	
Variance in Juvenile Caseload	⬇	-5.3%	≤ 0%	0.0%	≤ 0%	-7.0%	
Variance in Dependency Caseload	⬇	2.8%	≤ 0%	1.4%	≤ 0%	-9.0%	
Average days to in custody felony assignment	⬆	NA	≤ 1 day	0.70	≤ 1 day	2.3	
Average days to out of custody felony assignment	⬆	NA	≤ 5 days	3.39	≤ 5 days	5.2	
% of cases where defendant is contacted by agency within 1 day (IC = In Custody) or 5 days (OC = Out of Custody)	⬇	NA	100.0%	68% IC 88% OC	100.0%	annual	
Number of complaints received and % determined to be valid	⬇	NA	NA	NA	100 / 0%	8 / 12.5%	-- / 10%

Other Performance Measures							
Variance in COC Caseload	⬇	NA	0.0%	3.6%	≤ 0%	-5.0%	
Variance in ITA Caseload	⬆	NA	0.0%	10.0%	≤ 0%	0.0%	
Variance in Becca Caseload	⬇	NA	NA	NA	≤ 0%	-49.0%	

Division Director's Message

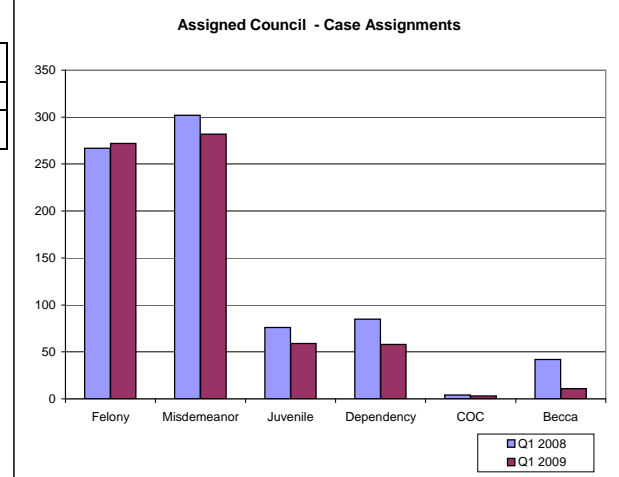
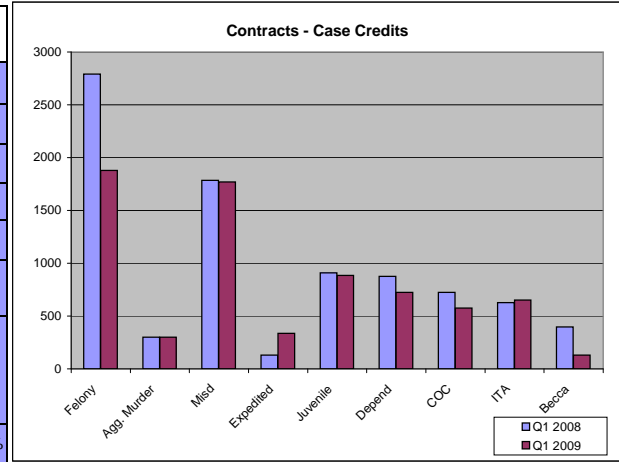
2009 non-expedited felony misdemeanor caseload was 5% higher than projected. Expedited felony caseload is 54% below projections.

Felony caseload projections for 2009 have taken into account the shortfall in felony filings. In first quarter the caseload is 2% higher than projections, but within variance.

Complex caseload (aggravated murder, including death penalty) in 2009 was 100% of the contracted case credits.

The Court of Appeals decided *Bellevue School Dist. v. E.S.* which will likely increase defense costs in truancy cases. The Juvenile Court, Public Defense, School Districts and PAO have been exploring options. OPD is evaluating impacts for 2009-2010 caseload projections.

Contract case credits projection for 2009-2010 contracts subject to change pending based on pending action by King County Council on felony case weighting.



Improving/Target Achievable = ▲
 Watch/Target at risk = ⬇
 Unfavorable trend/Target not attainable = ▼