Overview Presentation

Community Supervision Advisory Committee

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MRRA Overview

The Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA) passed in May of 2023 and contains 4 main components:

- Individualized rehabilitation plan
- Earned incentive early release
- Supervision abatement
- Justice reinvestment

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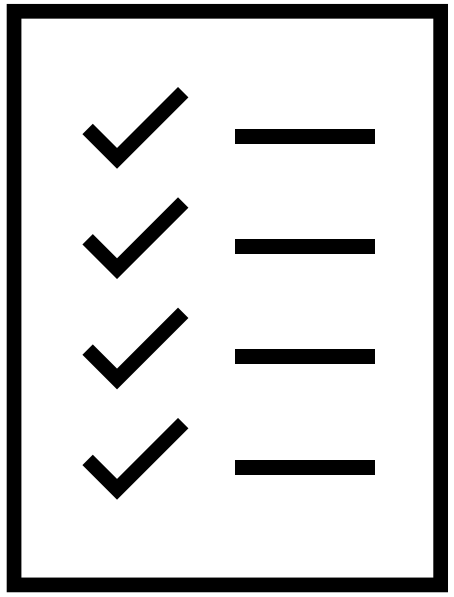

Individualized Rehabilitation Plan (IRP)

Each person will participate in a robust assessment that is used to set concrete, personalized rehabilitation goals. The incarcerated person will work with a multi-disciplinary support team to set individualized goals everyone agrees on.

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Earned Incentive Early Release & Sentence Reduction

Individuals can earn a reduction of their sentence by participating in the rehabilitation prescribed by their Individualized Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) and achieving the mutually agreed upon goals. Examples include:

- Substance abuse treatment
- Mental health counseling
- Spiritual and faith-based programming
- Vocational skills training
- Education

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By law, the following individuals are not eligible for earned early release under the MRRA:

- People serving life sentences;
- People given indeterminate sentences; and
- People subject to good time under section 244.04 (applies to those sentenced before 1993).

*Additionally, those with under 365 days to serve at intake will not be eligible to earn early release under the MRRA.

There will be additional qualifying criteria included in the policy as it is developed by the DOC with stakeholders. Until the policy is finalized, we are not able to tell individuals if they qualify.

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Supervision Abatement

Once released, people can again earn a shortened period of community supervision, known as Supervision Abatement, by meeting the goals of a personalized plan. Examples of these tailored goals include:

- Maintaining employment
- Chemical health aftercare programming
- Mental health follow-up counseling
- Positive family and community reintegration preparation support services

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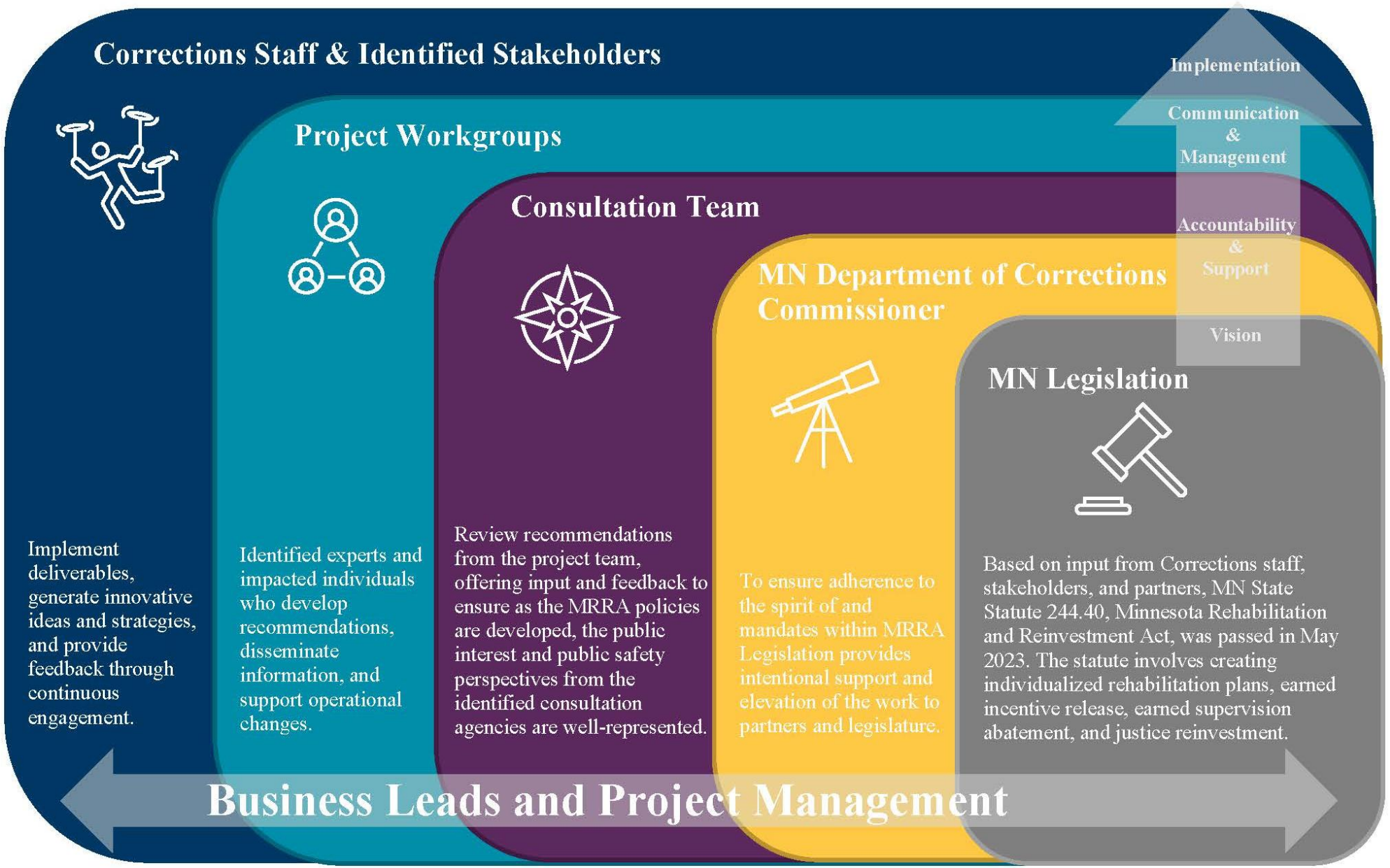
Justice Reinvestment Fund
Savings realized through a reduction in use of imprisonment will be reinvested equally in four areas:

- Victim support services
- Supervision services
- Crime prevention and intervention initiatives and community-based correctional programs
- State's General Fund

MRRA Governance Model



Workgroups

Communication & Engagement

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Eligibility & Evaluation

Leads: Grant Duwe, Sarah King, Valerie Clark & Paul Drewitz

Success Planning

Leads: Amanda Tuthill, Tara Rathman, Kevin Szczyrbak & Kinsey Glander

MRRA Project Structure

Workgroup Foundational Concepts and Expectations

Research Informed | Staff Wellness Focused | Equity Centered | Victim Inclusion | Policy Driven | Training Supported | IT System Alignment | Data & Record Keeping

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- Other identified stakeholders

(transitions coalition, unions, community advocates, justice-involved family members and loved ones, etc.)

Communication of logic model(s) for MRRA

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Success Planning

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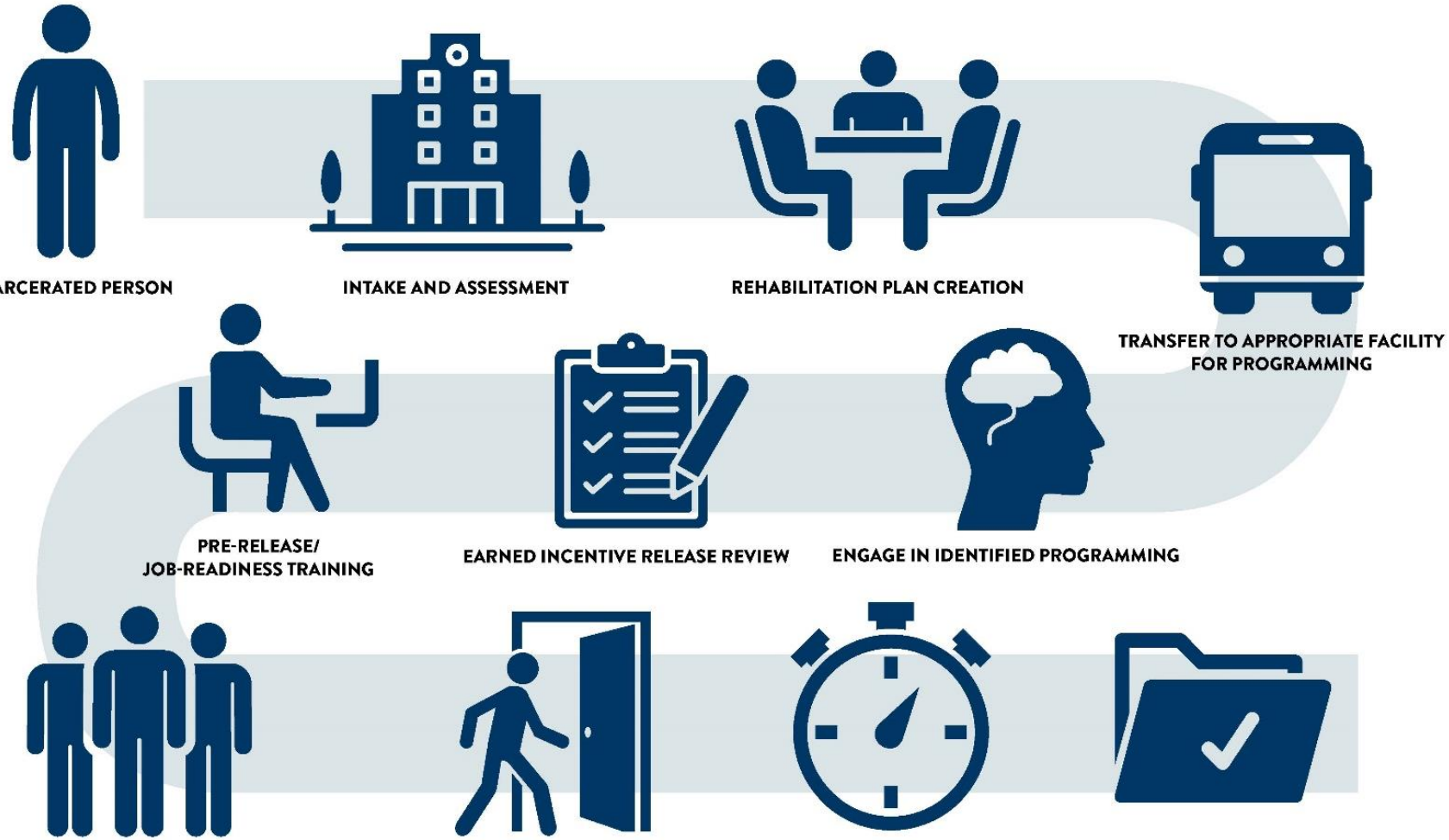
MRRA ROAD MAP



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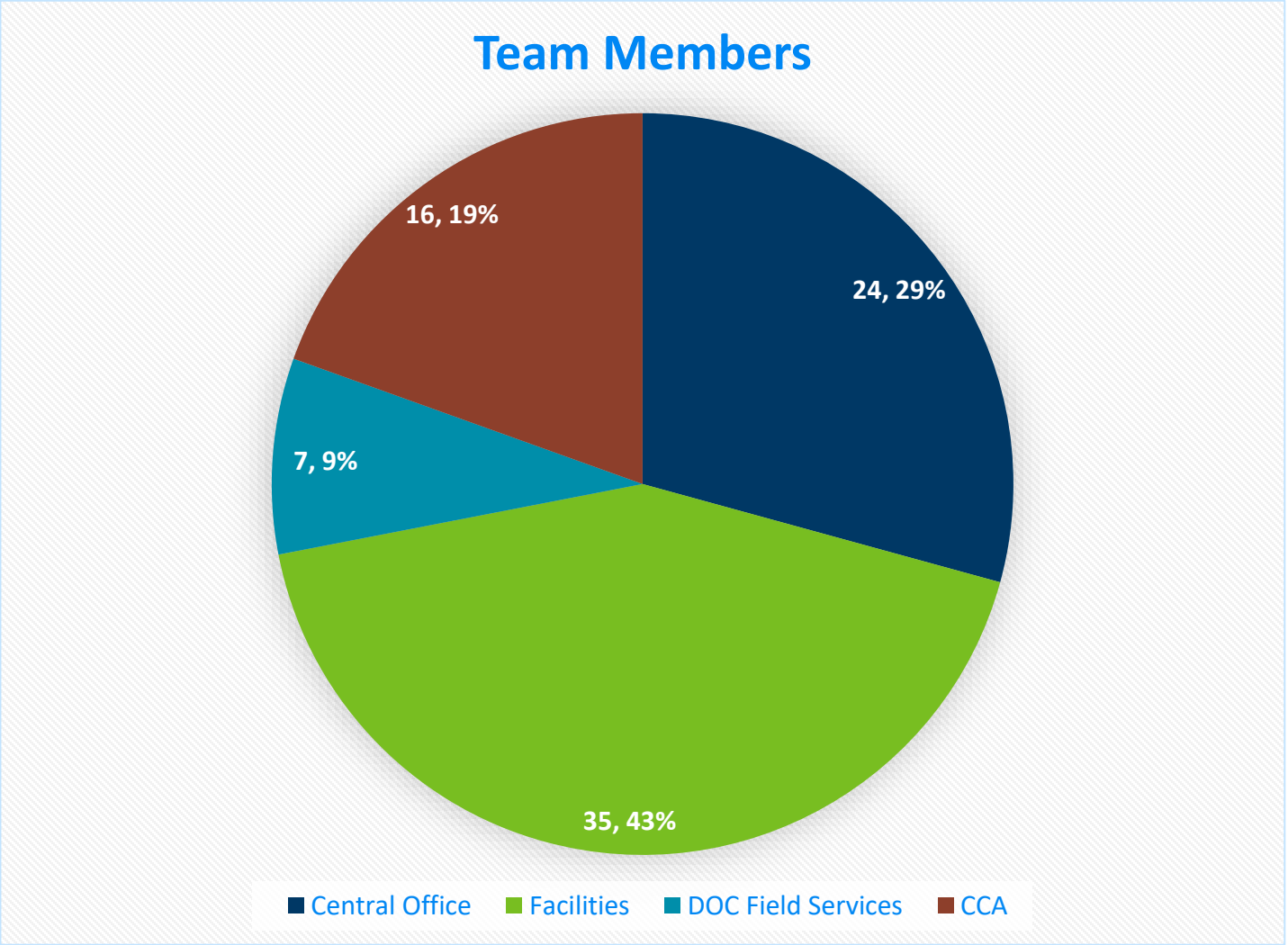
- The Commissioner must establish operational policies before MRRA can be implemented. The goal is for policies to be approved for publishing by January 1, 2025

- Given that policies are not currently in place, earned incentive early release and supervision abatement can not be granted in 2024

MRRA Project Team

Project team is comprised of DOC and CCA staff



Communication

For Staff

- Monthly MRRA update newsletters
- MRRA page on iShare
- Question/Suggestion box coming soon
- Facility and field service update meetings being coordinated

For IPs

- MRRA update memo released
- MRRA overview recording nearly finalized to be shown during R&O

For Community

- Public MRRA webpage
- Engagement HQ site in development (with interactive elements)
- Email and phone
- Town halls in development

Feedback, Questions & Concerns

Many engagement opportunities are currently being developed and information will be shared when details are finalized

In the interim and throughout the project, please look for updates and share any thoughts, questions, concerns, or suggestions

- Email (mrra.doc@state.mn.us) or directly to MRRA leads (Karley Jorgensen and/or Marisa Williams)

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Thank You!!