

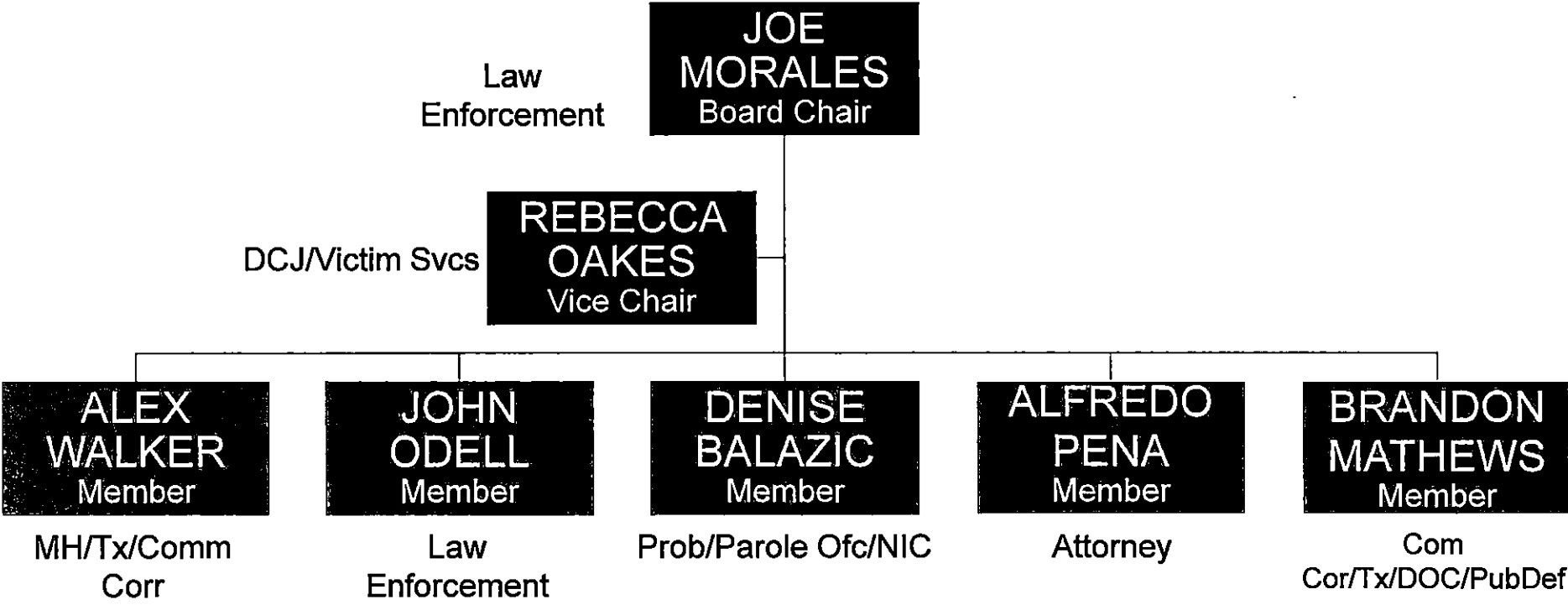
# The Colorado Board of Parole



*Ensuring public safety through the critical evaluation of each inmate's potential to reintegrate into society*



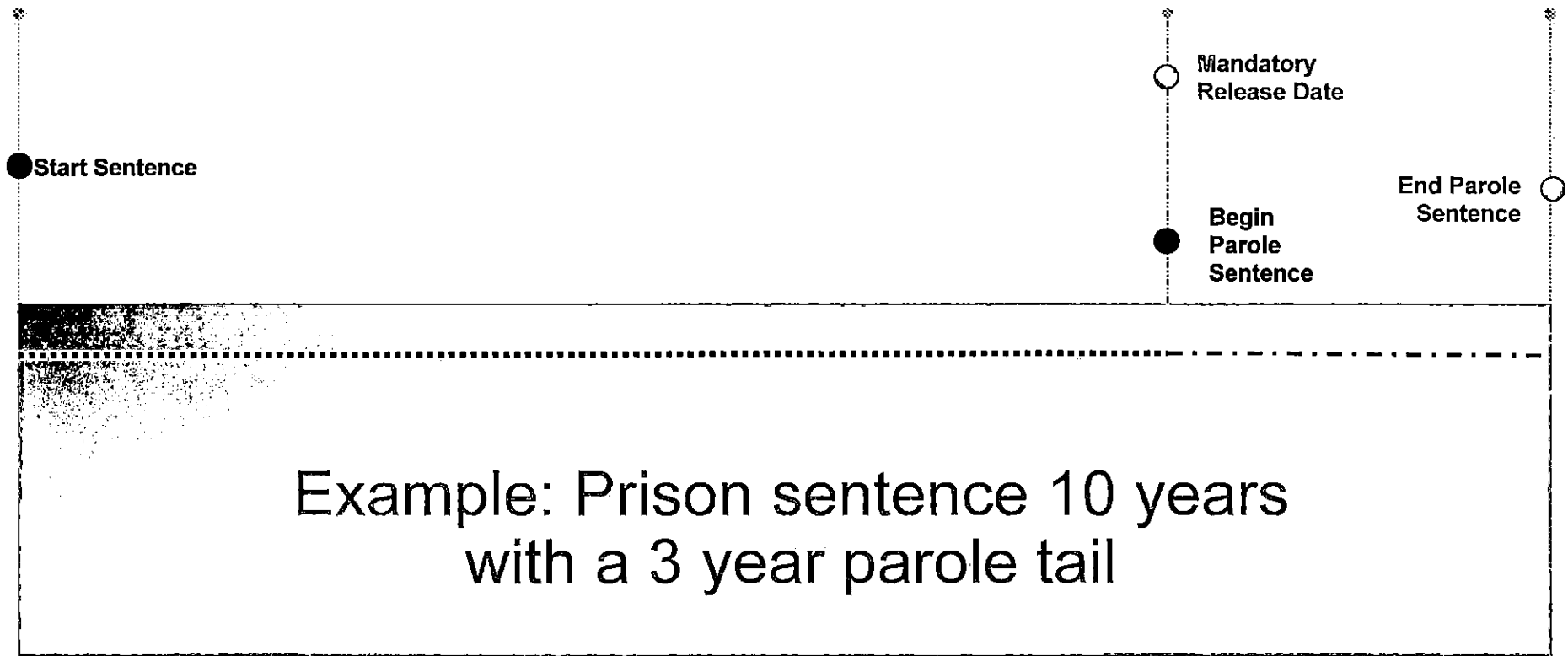
# Board Members



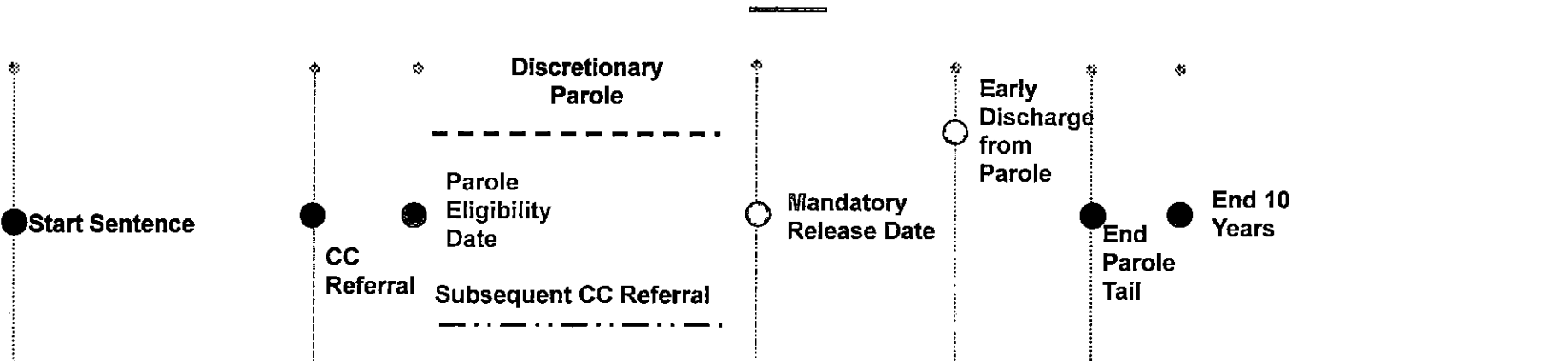
# FY 2017 Quick Statistics

- 16,231 application hearings
  - 2,258 full board reviews
- 7,031 parole revocation hearings
- 983 early parole discharge reviews
  - 548 rescission hearings
- 1,353 File Reviews in lieu of hearings
  - 537 waivers
  
- \*\*Approx 2,300 decisions a month\*\*
- More than 30,000 decisions a year

# What We Think Happens



# What Can Really Happen



Example: Prison sentence 10 years with a 3 year parole tail

# Overview of FY17

- PBRGI Version #2
- File review opportunities
  - Ice Detainer
  - Fast Track
- LEAN Initiative

# Structured Decision-Making

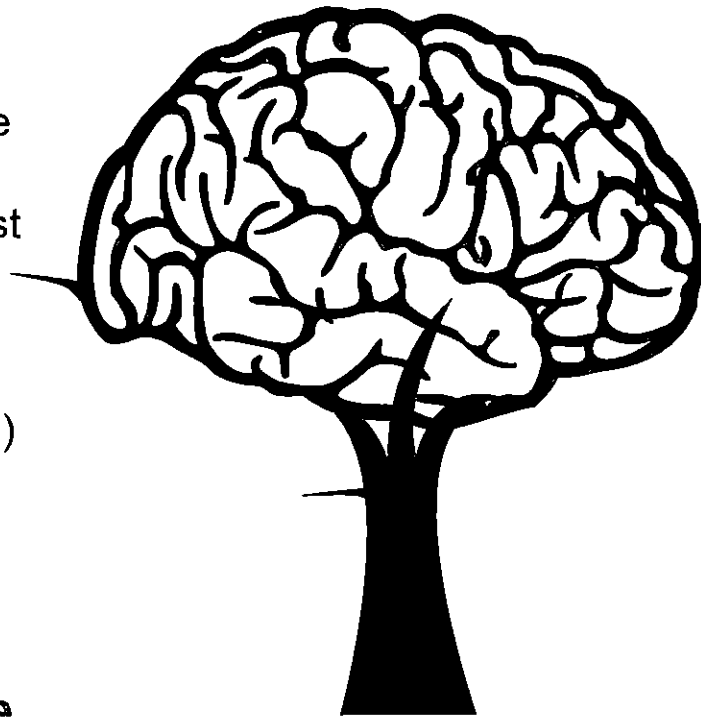
Parole Board Release Guideline Instrument  
(PBRGI)



## Risk Domain

- CARAS = Baseline Risk
- Class II COPD Last 3 Months
- COPD Victim Related
- Escape (yes or No)

**\* Evidence-Informed and Statutorily Mandated Criteria are Included**



**\* Intended to provide Guidance & Consistency of Decisions Across Cases and Board Members**

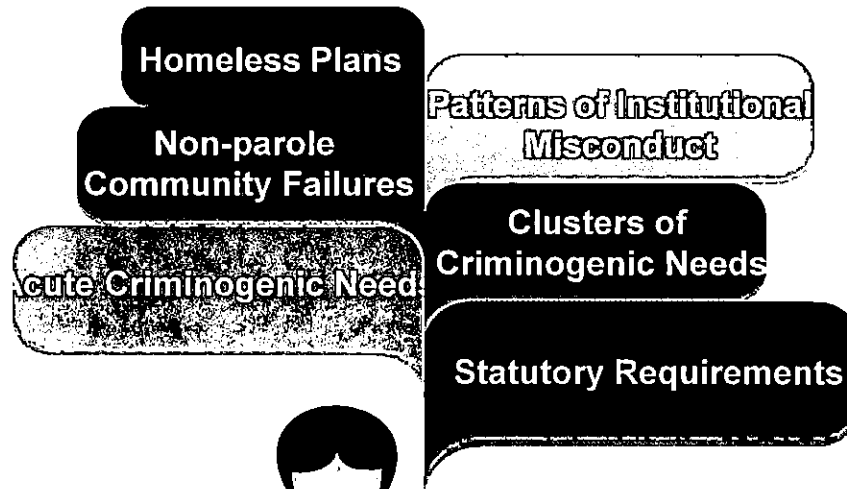


## Readiness Domain

- Level of Supervision Inventory
  - Total Score
  - Rater Box
- Manageable in Community
- Parole Plan
- Treatment Participation
- Program Participation

# Deviations from the Recommendation?

Several criteria are not currently accounted for in the PBRGI, but are considered by the Board.



When the level of risk and/or lack of readiness endangers public safety, deviations from the recommendation may occur.



# Reasons for Deferral

- Poor parole plans (homeless plans, shelter plans, etc)
- Disruptions in acute criminogenic needs
  - E.g. Recent substance use issues, employment challenges, frequency/recency/severity of BSMART or in-house violations.
- Lack of Completed Treatment for Identified Needs
  - SOTMP, AOD, Crim Thinking, etc.
- Failure to complete treatment/ejections from treatment
- Refusal to attend hearing/disruptions in hearings

# The PBRGI Version #2

## 1 | Inclusion of additional risk informed criteria

The new version includes information about clusters of criminogenic needs, dosage and participation in treatment

## 2 | Inclusion of statutory requirements

These requirements include victim input, the severity of the crime and accountability for the offense

## 3 | More detailed readiness factors

More specific information about community support, parole plan feasibility, job skills and prior community supervision attempts

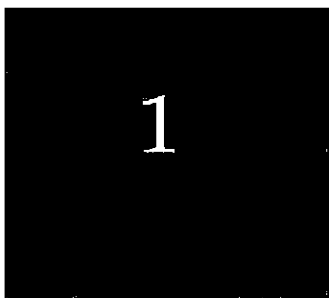
## 4 | Feedback

Version #2 will offer additional opportunities to provide feedback about specific offender risk groups and their subsequent release rates

Data collection on the new tool is complete, data analysis and recommendation guidelines will ideally be set this fiscal year

# File Review Options

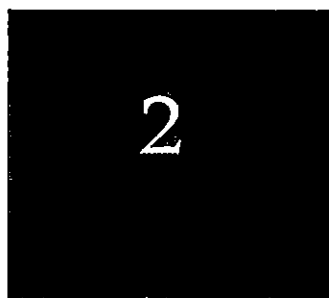
Creates a reduction in hearing loads and allows for members to focus attention on those individuals with medium and high criminogenic needs



## Mandatory Release Date File Reviews

This allows the Parole Board to conduct a file review, in lieu of a hearing, for individuals who are within 6 months of the mandatory or statutory release date

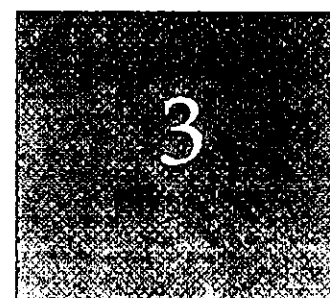
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## ICE Detainer File Review

This allows the parole board to conduct a file review, in lieu of a hearing, on low need/high ready individuals with ICE detainers

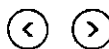
- Requires up to date and accurate information on ICE detainer status provided by the Parole Board Statistical Analyst



## Fast Track File Reviews

Newly created by HB17-1326, it allows the Parole board to conduct a file review, in lieu of a hearing, on low need/high ready individuals in DOC who can transition to parole

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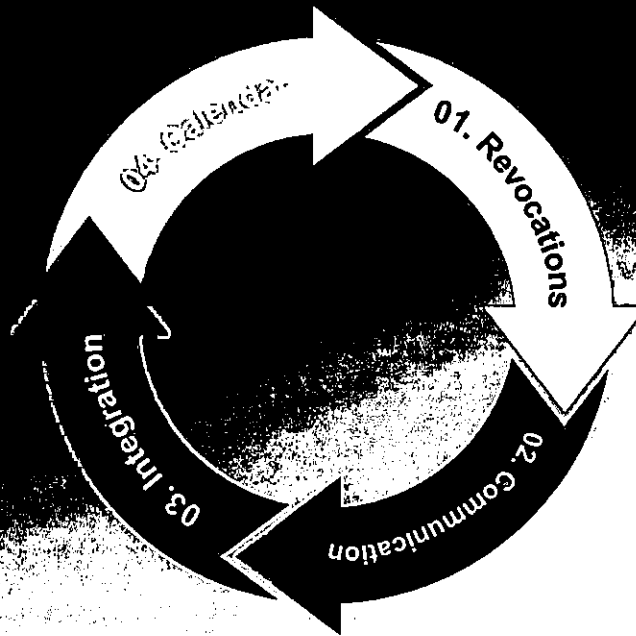
# LEAN Initiative

Revocations are almost entirely done electronically

Increased communication with stakeholders to streamline processes

We are working toward creating one system to access all revocation info

Removal of duplicative work



**Began in  
August  
2017**

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# Parole Board Goals FY2018-19

- Finalize and implement PBRGI Version #2
- Implement file review processes
- Go paperless for all parole board functions
- Restructuring of the calendar process

# Common Misconceptions

- That the Board is a part of DOC
  - We are a separate state agency with separate decision-making authority
- That we have direct control over:
  - The Division of Parole and their supervision strategies
- Community Corrections and program placement decisions
- That we approve/deny parole plans
- That we release people homeless
  - We do not DISCRETIONARILY release people homeless
  - By law, inmates must be released on their Mandatory Release Date, whether they are homeless or not.
  - The Parole Board cannot stop an MRD from happening.