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State Board of Parole

The mission of the Parole Board is to increase public safety by evaluating an individual's potential for successful reintegration to the community through the use of innovative evidence informed practices.

Role of the Parole Board

The Parole Board is a type 1 board (*§17-2-201(1)(a), C.R.S.*).

- Exercise its prescribed statutory powers, duties, and functions independently of the principal department (*§24-1-105, C.R.S.*)
- The Department of Corrections serves as the principal department for the Parole Board (*§24-1-128.5(3), C.R.S.*)



Parole Board Guiding Philosophy

When considering release, the Parole Board's central focus is:

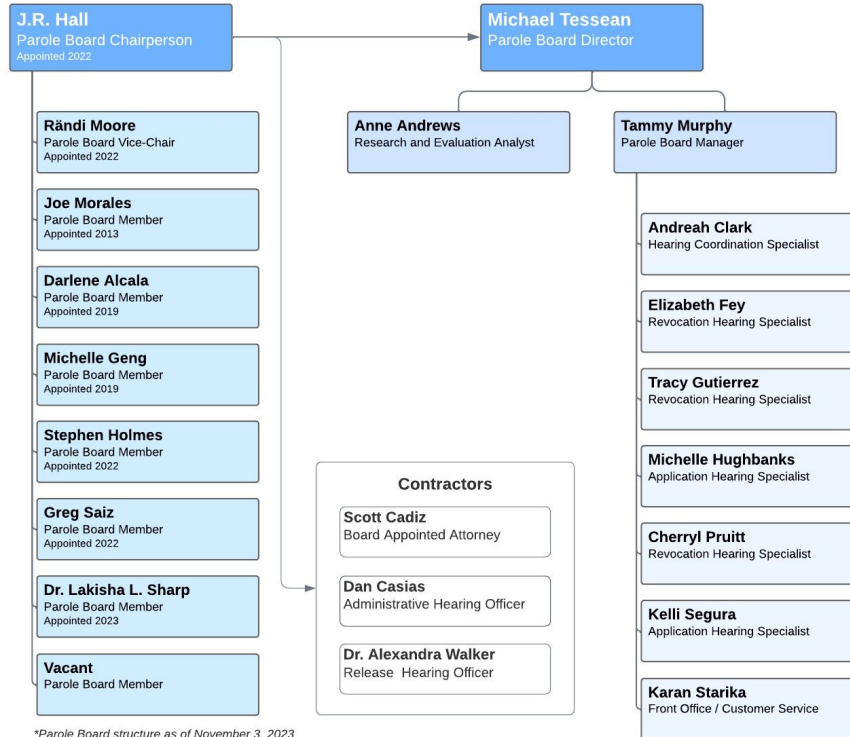
- the risk to reoffend (*§17-22.5-404(1)(a), C.R.S.*),
- based on actuarial risk assessments (*§17-22.5-404(1)(b), C.R.S.*), and
- through a structured decision making process (*§17-22.5-404(1)(c), & (d), C.R.S.*).





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*Parole Board structure as of November 3, 2023

Primary Functions of the Parole Board

- Release hearings.
 - *The Parole Board does not have any influence over supervision practices by the Division of Adult Parole nor any placements to Community Corrections.*
- Setting parole conditions.
- Preside over revocation hearings.





Revocations

- Parolee violates parole conditions.
- The community parole office can file a complaint with the parole board.
 - *Complaint can only be filed for technical violations once the community parole officer has exhausted all appropriate or available intermediate sanctions, treatment, and support services.*
- Parole board member presides over revocation hearings.
 - *Quasi-judicial and basic due processes apply.*



FY2023 Revocation Hearing Outcomes

Revoked vs Continued

Continued of parole (not revoked)	28%
Parole revoked	72%

Reason for revocation

Revocation for new felony charge(s)	13.0%
Revocation for felony and misdemeanor charge(s)	3.1%
Revocation for new misdemeanor charge(s)	41.1%
Revocation for traffic/Petty offense(s)	2.1%
Technical Violation Revocation for Absconding	19.5%
Other Technical Violations only***	20.8%
Other revocation type	0.4%

***Does not include continuance hearings or self-revocation request decisions.**

****Other Technical Violations Only category includes inmates returned for termination from sex offender treatment, weapons violation(s), and/or contacting a victim under a protection order.**



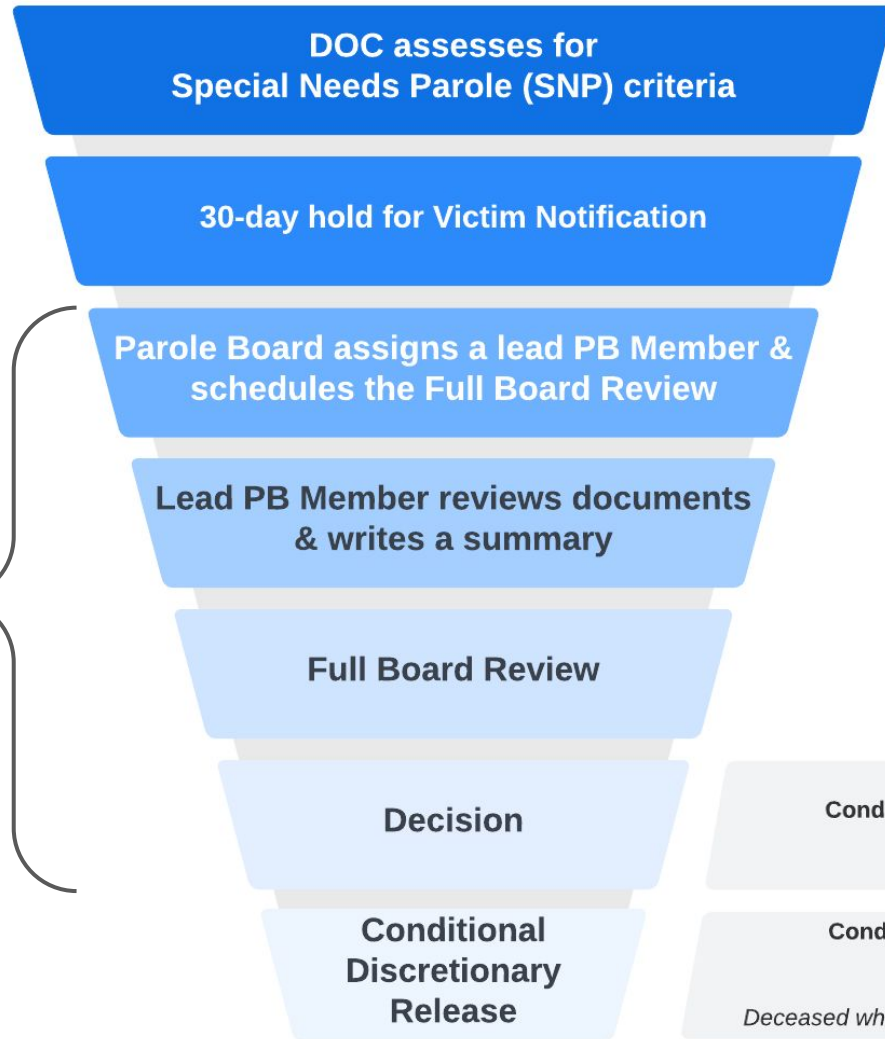
Release Outcomes

1-Year Return Rates by Parole Release Type



- None
- Technical Violation
- New Crime

Special Needs Parole



30 Days
(§17-22.5-403.5 (4)(d), C.R.S.)

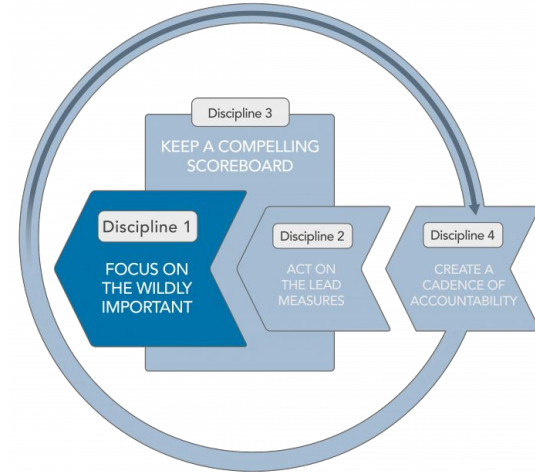
FY 2022/23

Released: 12
Conditional Discretionary Release: 18
Denied: 21
Deceased while waiting: 2

Conditional Discretionary Release: 18
Released: 14
Pending approved plan: 3
Deceased while waiting for an approved plan: 1

Wildly Important Goals (WIGs)

1. Decrease decision fatigue by reducing the average number of hearings per agenda to less than eight by March 2024.
2. To reduce the average wait time for Full Board Reviews from 73 calendar days to 42 calendar days by March 2024.
3. An improved information management system, eOMIS, that creates efficiency and creates a great-end user experience without sacrificing current desired functionality.



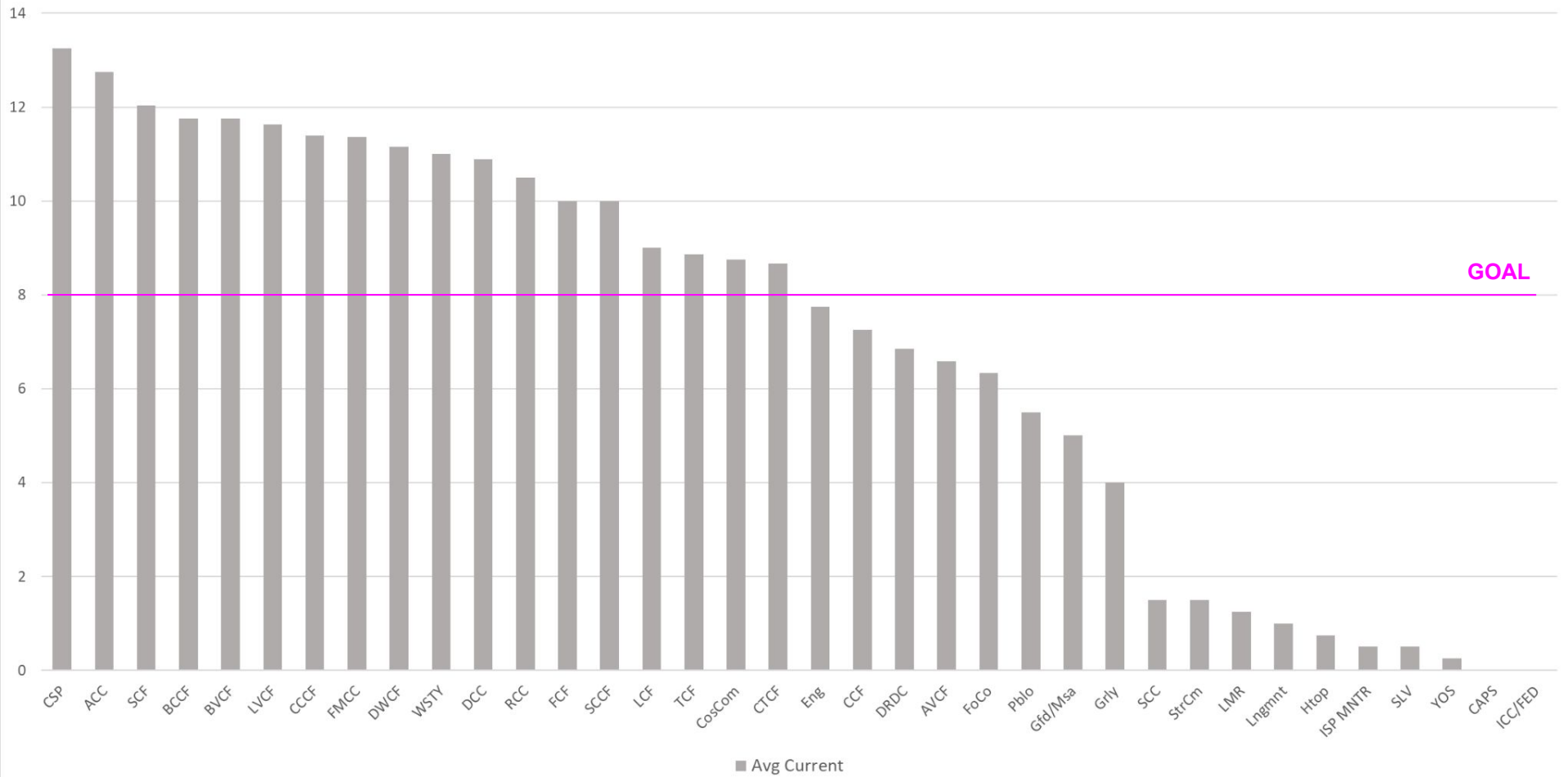
Decision Fatigue



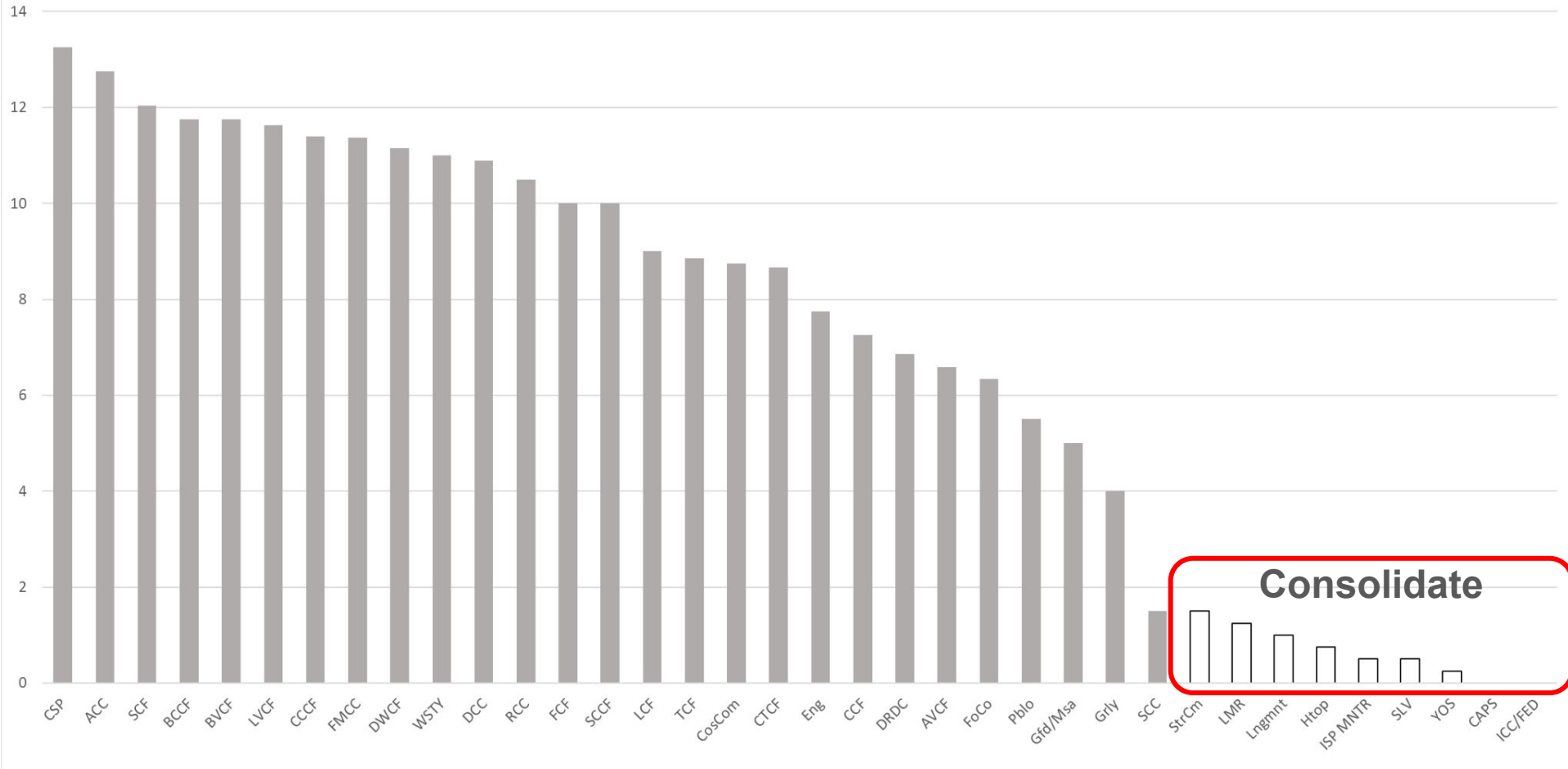
The more decisions you make,

- The more difficult decisions becomes,
- The worse your decisions become, and/or
- You start making “safe” decisions.

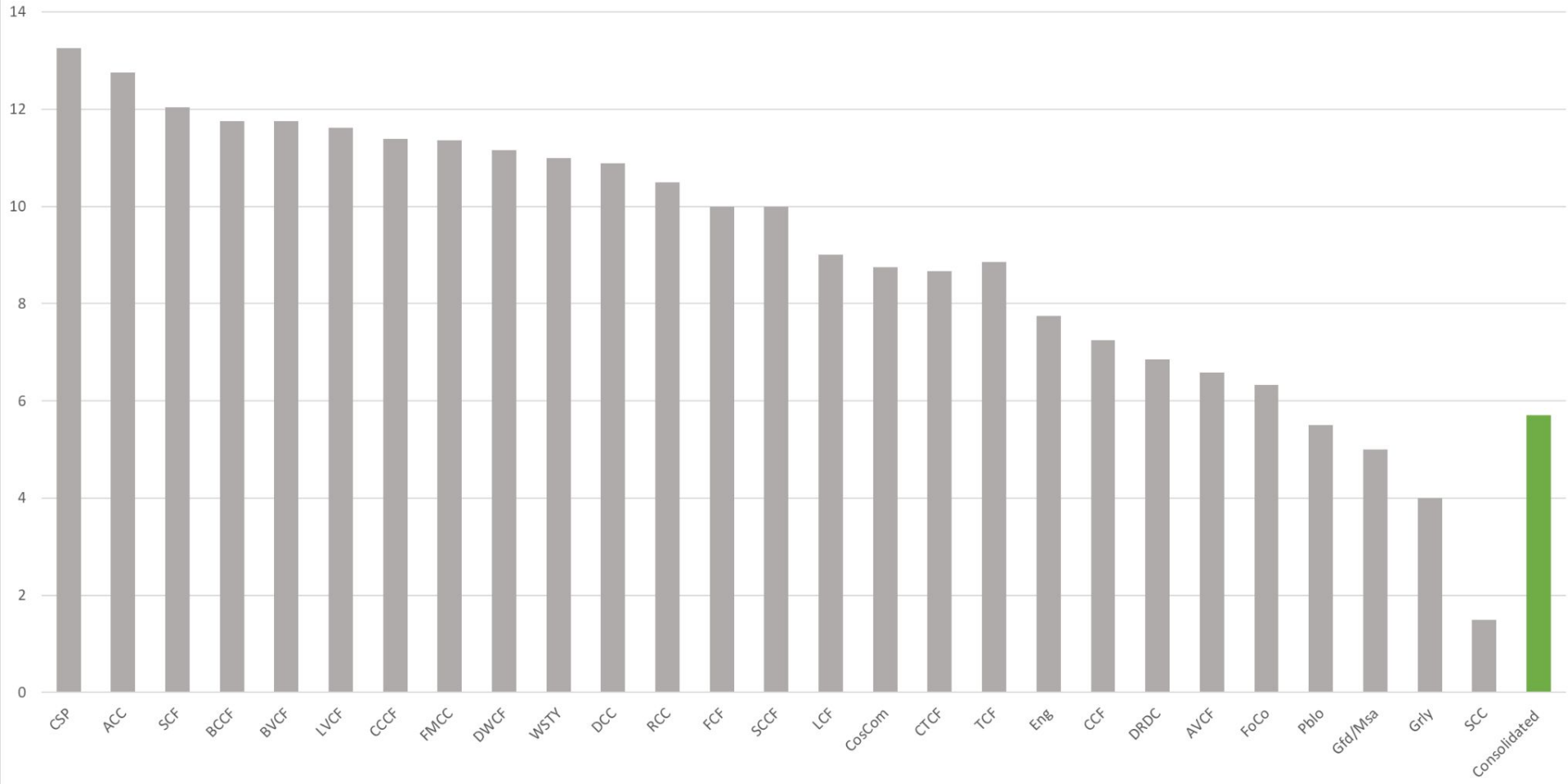
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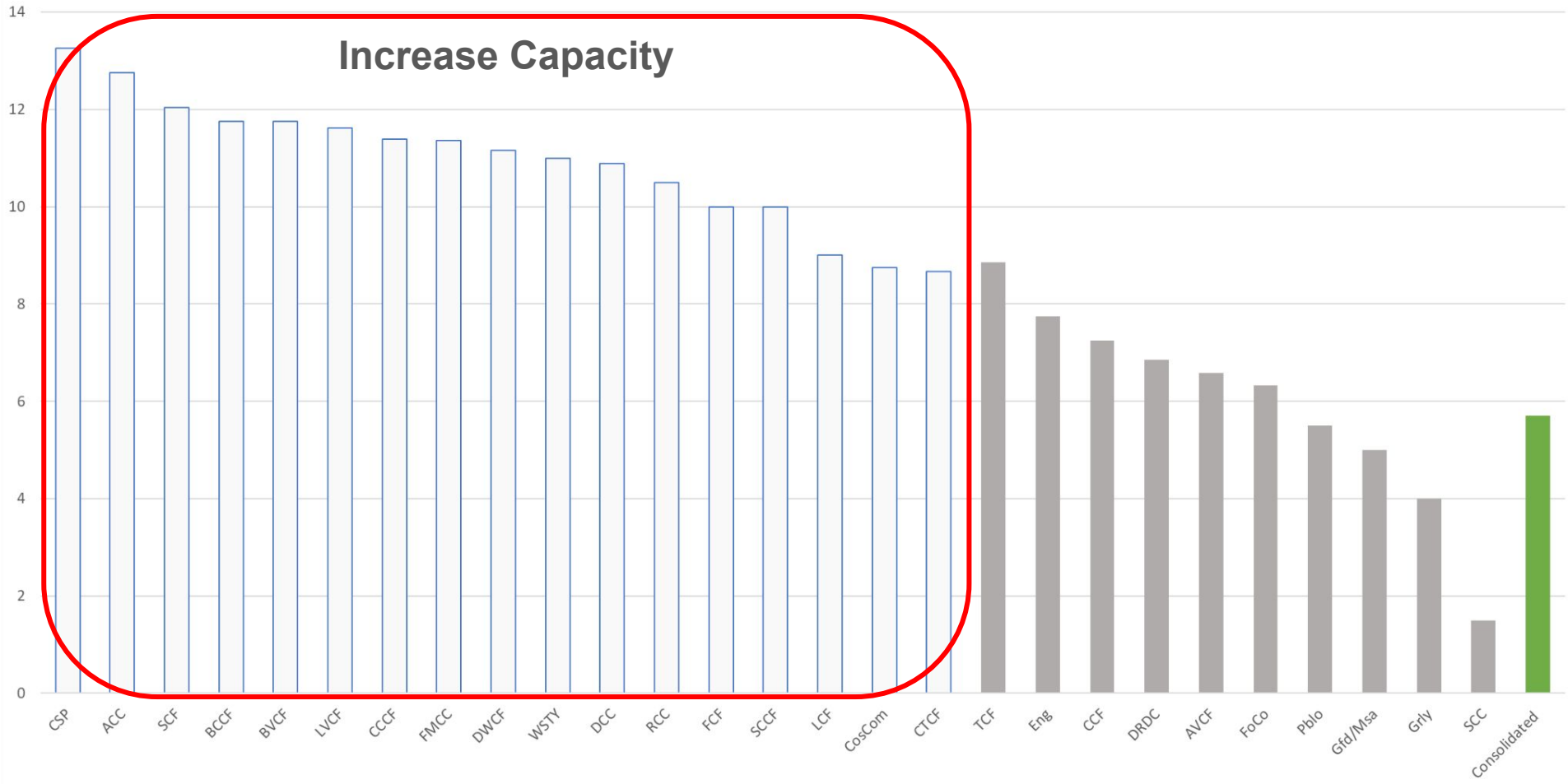


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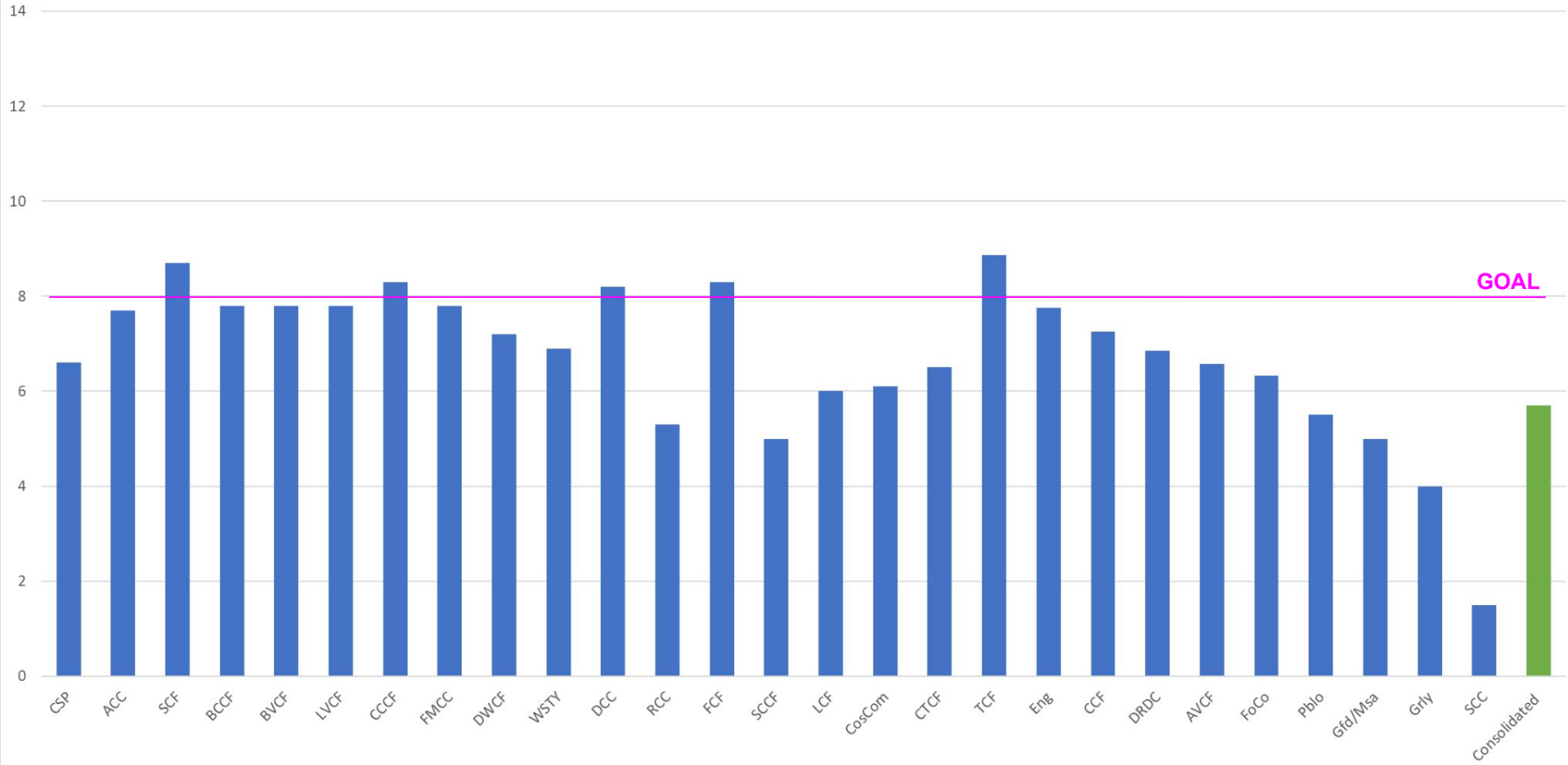
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Full Board Reviews (FBR)

Reduce average wait time from 73 to 42 days

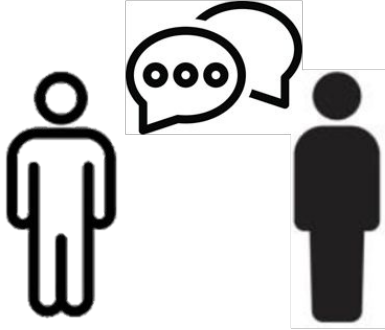
- Increasing capacity
- Reduce the number of FBRs
- Increase efficiency



Wait Time

Application Hearing

Full Board Review

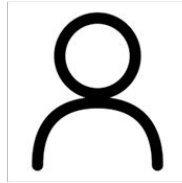


**Incarcerated
Person**

**Parole Board
Member**



Parole Board Members

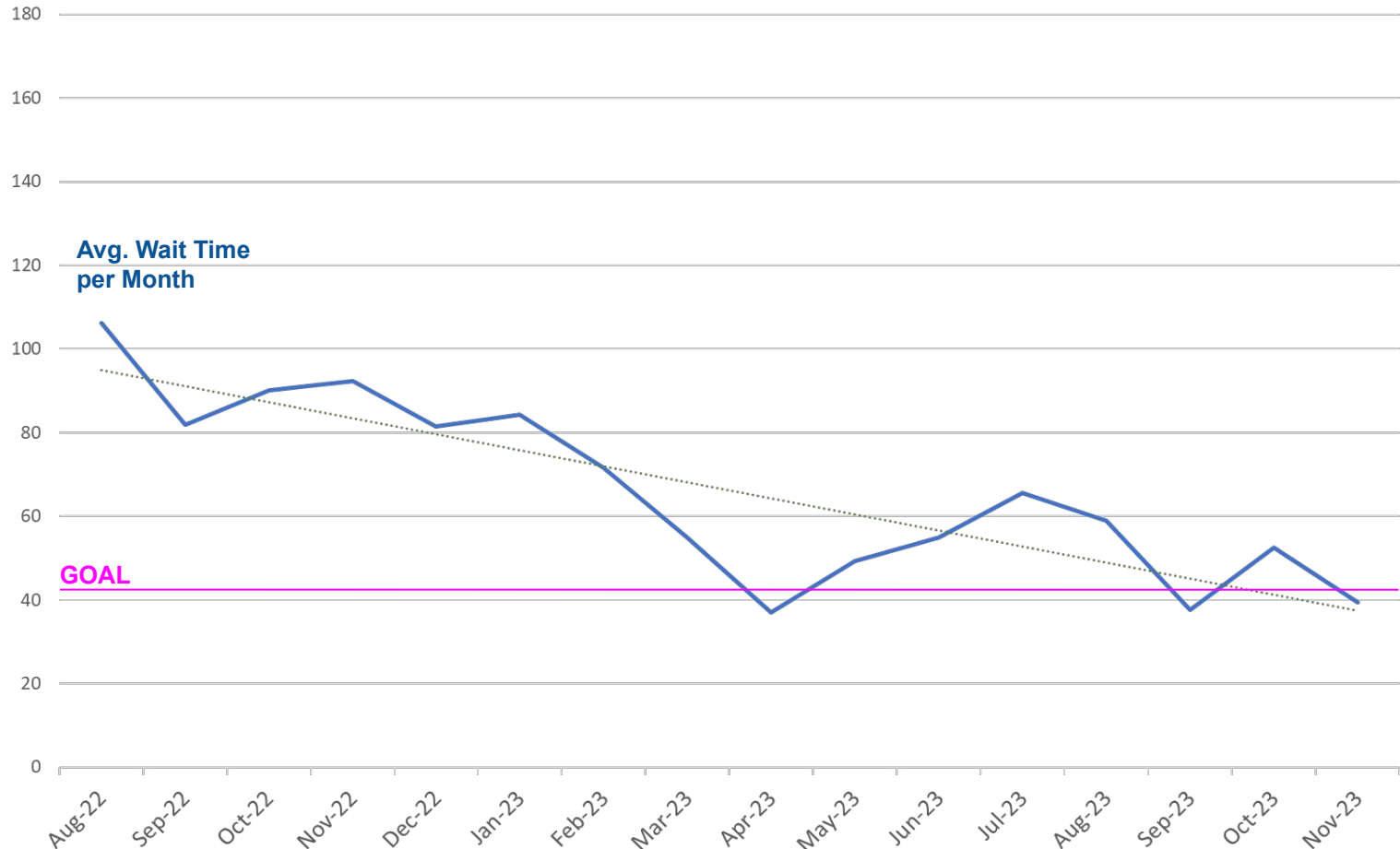


Victim / Survivor

*Victim/Survivor Registration and
Participation is Confidential*



Wait Times for Full Board Reviews



IT Systems (eOMIS)

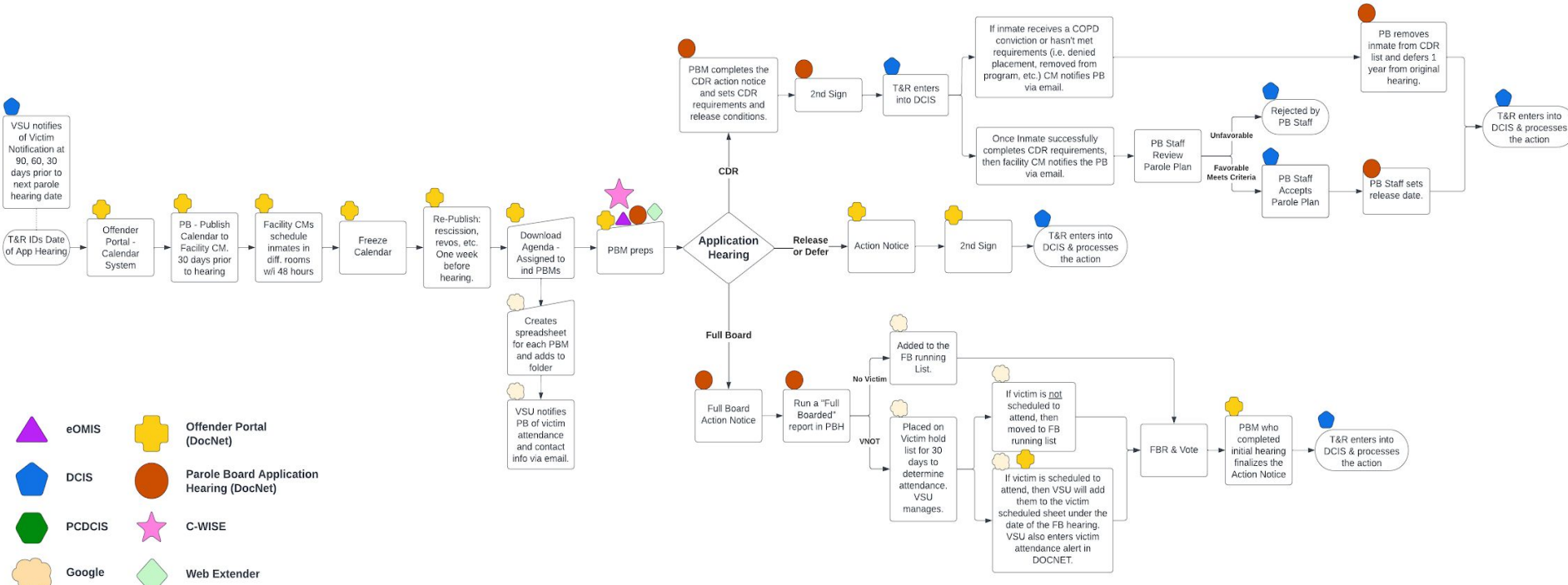
Successful transition to a new information management system.

- Policies & Procedures
- Process Maps
- Building Test Cases
- Testing, testing, testing



Process Map Example

Complex and Multiple Systems



Questions?

