



Implementation Process Description

For the past two years, MPRI Workgroups have been considering the policies and practices that should comprise the MPRI Model. Today, September 19, 2005, marks the conclusion of the Design Phase of MPRI. Tomorrow, the crucial Implementation Phase of MPRI begins. To facilitate effective, statewide implementation, the following approaches will be used for the structure and process for MPRI implementation.

The Three Phase Work Group structure has provided a way to focus on the three inter-connected phases of the Model and has served as a logical reference point for dialogue on these enormous reforms. **The Work Group structure will thus be maintained.**

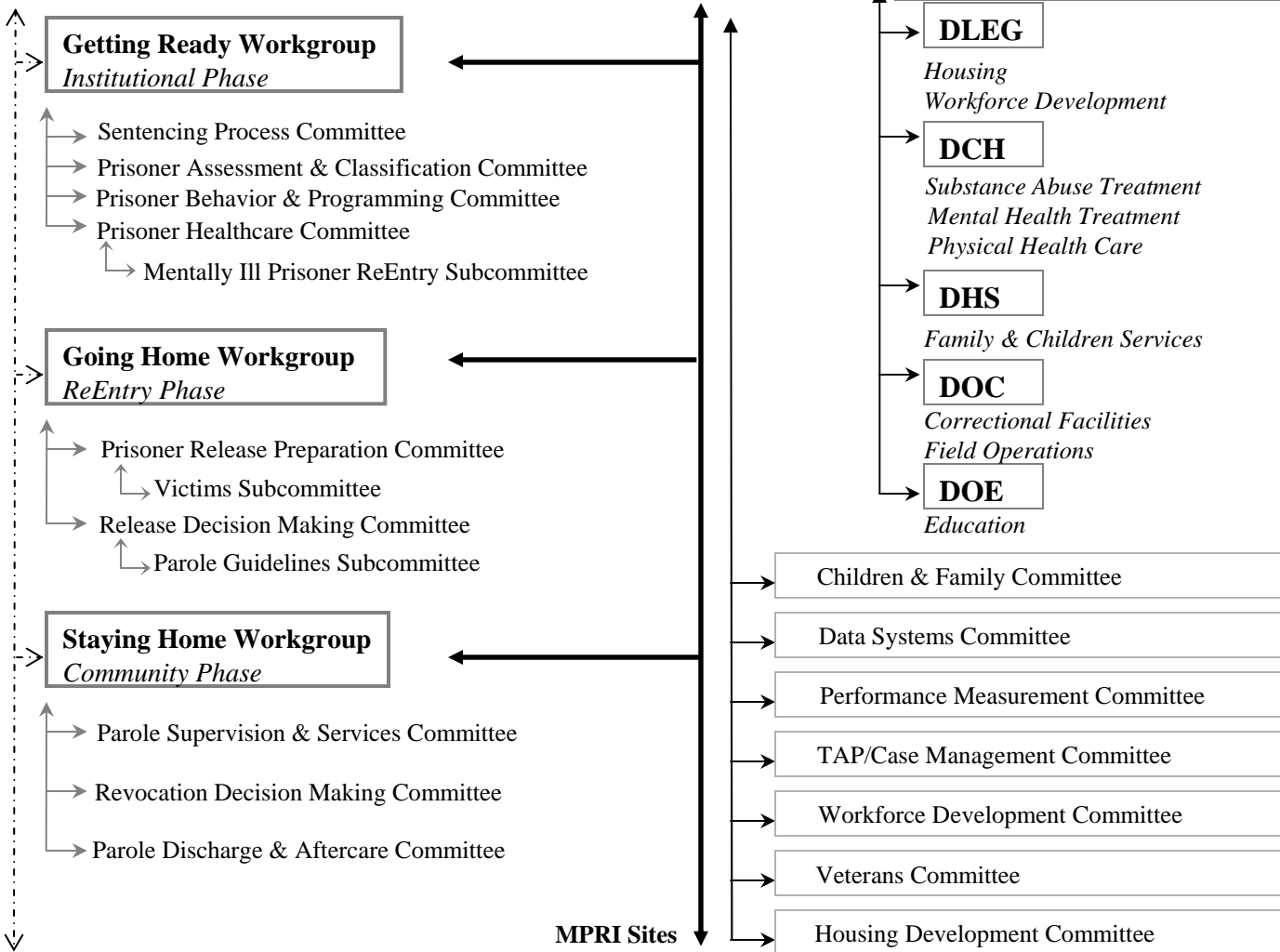
- The Work Groups will no longer meet weekly to engage in design activities but will meet quarterly to engage in information sharing. Work Groups will function as “guardians” of the Model and determine, based on the information that flows to them, the degree to which – if any – the Model needs to be adapted or re-examined as a result of the implementation experiences. Work Groups will have Facilitators instead of co-chairs, and trained recorders will staff both the Committees and the Work Groups to provide the highlights of the meetings for posting on the MPRI website.
- Work Groups will each meet at the same time at the same location on an established day in the last month of each quarter (December, March, June, September). The Work Groups will meet individually from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and then work as a “committee of the whole” over lunch for 90 minutes, sharing the information across the three phases of the Model.
- At 1:00 P.M. The Executive Management Team will meet to review the various recommendations and inputs from the Work Groups as well as several committees that will report to them. The State Policy Team will meet twice per year – more if needed – to consider adaptations of the model at their level.

As the focus shifts from state-level design to local-level implementation, the purpose and timeframes for these meetings should also shift. As one active participant noted, “This isn’t theory any more, we need less time meeting and more time doing.”

- The **Pilot Sites** will be asked to provide information to the Work Groups for their quarterly meetings that indicate successes, challenges, needs and recommendations regarding their implementation of the Model.
- Departmental “**Implementation Resource Teams**” at MDOC, DLEG, DCH, DHS and DOE have been, or will be, formed whose charge is to react to policy and process needs for MPRI in their agencies and to interpret the MPRI Model in terms of implementing or reconsidering policies, processes and programs that affect prisoner re-entry. These Implementation Resource Teams will also meet at least quarterly.
- **Work Group Committees** will report to the Work Groups and will be co-chaired by the appropriate leaders in the partner agencies or from local Pilot Sites as is appropriate and will have an established membership that does not shift from meeting to meeting. Committees will continue to focus on the 7 decision points of the MPRI Model plus the important issues of the Sentencing Process and prisoner Health Care. Each committee will report quarterly progress to their specific Work Group. Several committees will have **subcommittees** that will be involved in particularly detailed work on a variety of issues. Committees and subcommittees meetings are expected to resume in October.

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