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Veterans Employment Program Director
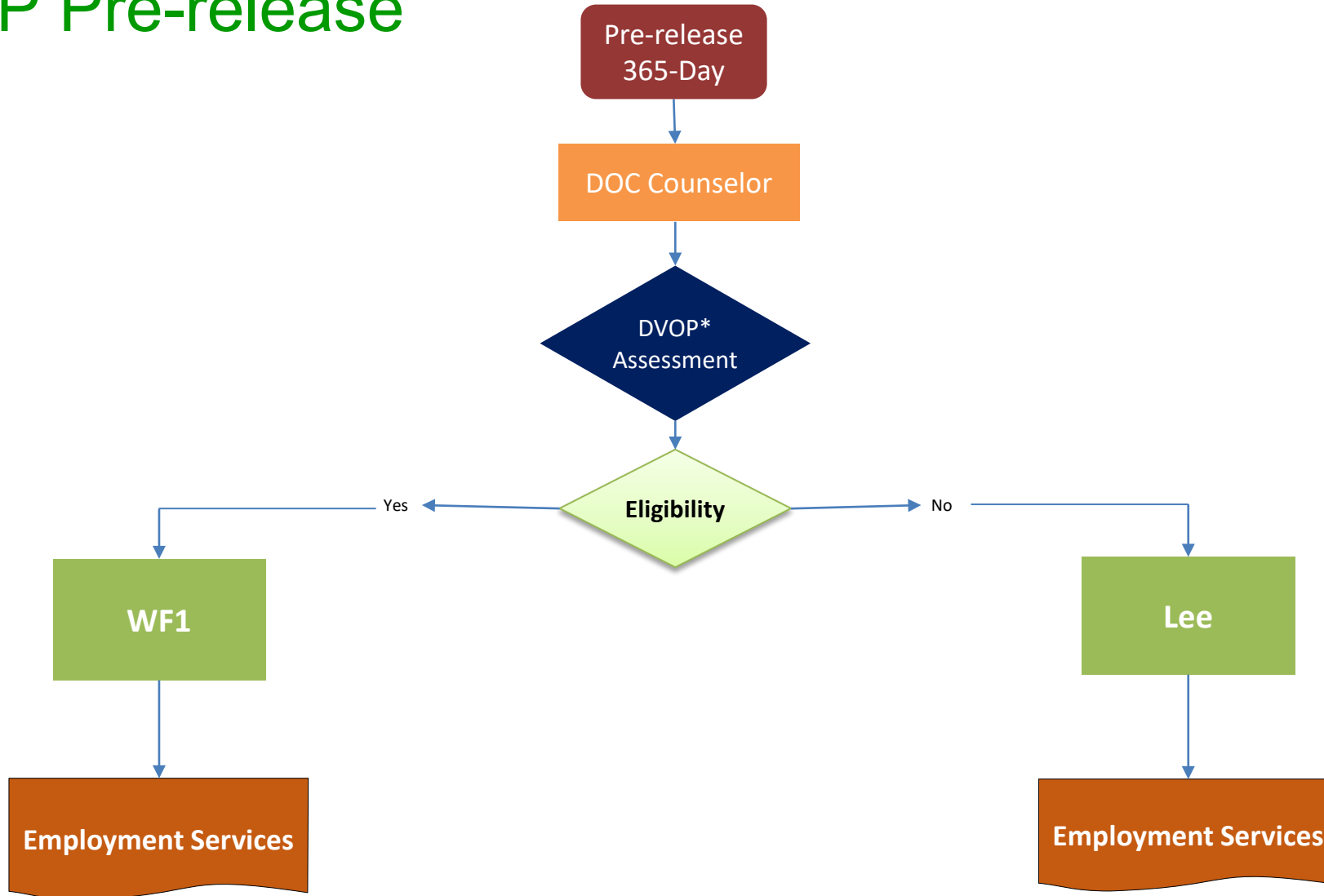Ray Douha

Justice-Involved Veterans (JIV) Project Lead
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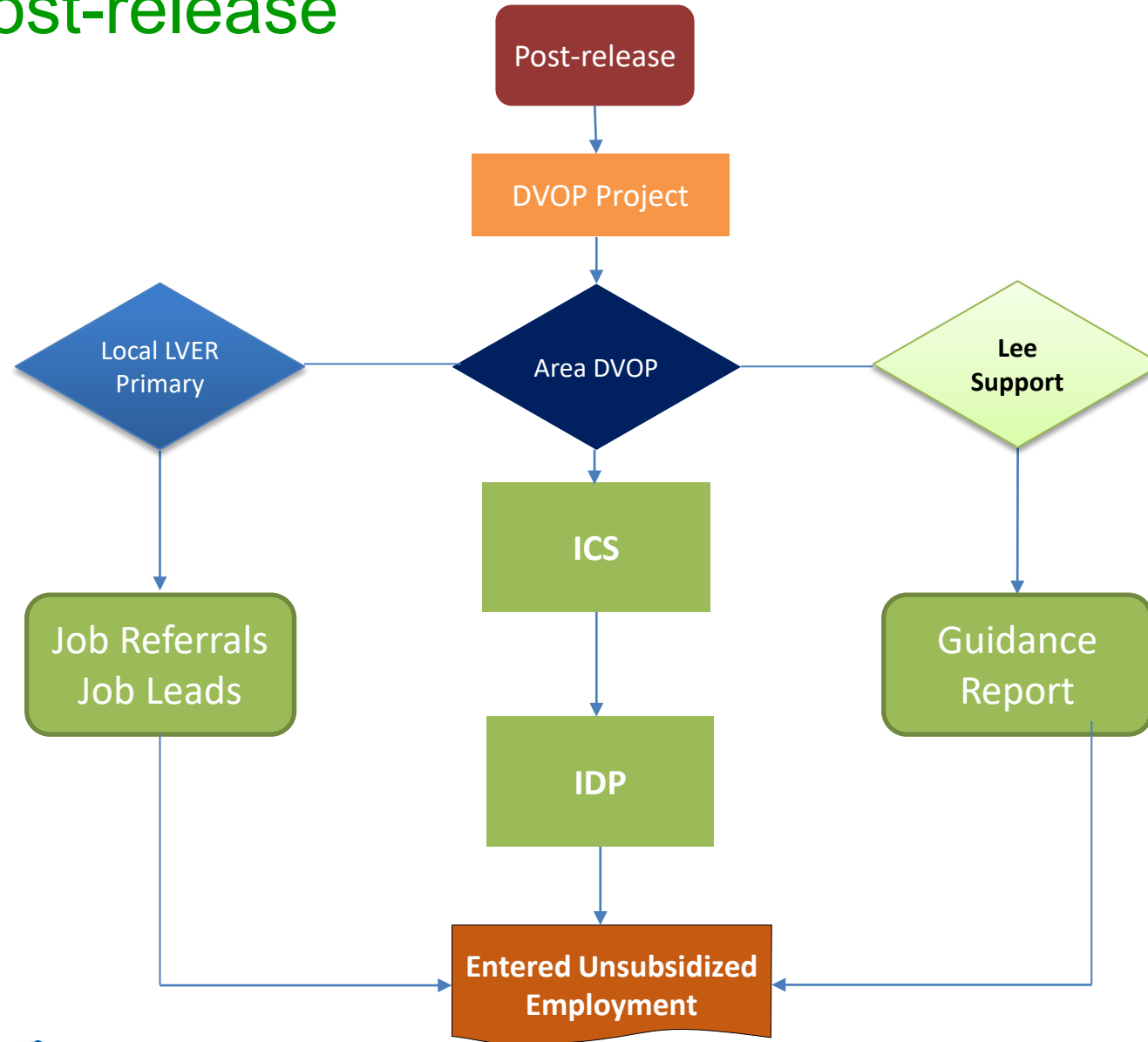**CareerForce**™

Purpose

DEED Vets and DOC signed Interagency on May 2022

- **Allow access to DEED Vet staff to access DOC facilities**

- **To provide individualized career services (ICS) to the Justice-Involved Veterans (JIV) within the State of MN Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities.**

- **The goal is to establish a strong connection between pre-and post-release employment services for JIV.**

- **Through timely and effective services, JIV will be empowered to overcome barriers and to become "job-ready" when they are released on probation or parole. This initiative will lessen recidivism and bolster community reintegration.**

JIV DVOP Pre-release Process

JIV DVOP Post-release Process


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Initial Pilot Locations

Prison Location	Estimated JIV to be released	DVOP Name
Faribault	26	Katie McNair
Moose Lake	11	Jaclyn Wizner
Rush City	11	Tim LaBeau
Shakopee	5	JoTerrica (Jo) Williams

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JIV Project Expansion

Facility	DOC Transition Coordinator	DEED Vet Staff
Faribault	Quenilla Pettigrew/ Mark Buhrandt	Katie McNair/Lee Okerstrom
Moose Lake	Maerene (Mae) Lewis	Jaclyn Wizner/Lee Okerstrom
Rush City	Lynsey Barnes	Timothy LaBeau/Lee Okerstrom
Shakopee	Greta Henderson/Katelyn Lambrecht	JoTerrica (Jo) Williams/Lee Okerstrom
Lino Lakes	Elizbeth Kirk (traveling)/Tony Mayer	David Wold/Lee Okerstrom
Oak Park Heights	Thomas Schoolcraft	Lee Okerstrom
Red Wing	Laura Anderson	Joshua Hessler/Lee Okerstrom
St. Cloud	Sarah Fitzgerald/ Brian Hoeper	Anthony Poff/Lee Okerstrom
Stillwater	Nicole Vee/Thomas Schoolcraft	Jerome (Jerry) Votava/Lee Okerstrom
Togo	David Copp	Jane Kerntz/Lee Okerstrom
Willow River	Tisha Harder	Jaclyn Wizner/Lee Okerstrom