

CEP Workshop „From Prison to Probation“

2. bis 3. December 2025

„Networking between prison and probation
service in Baden-Württemberg/Germany“

Project „Common Database“



Agenda

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1. General Principles



„Agreement on Transition Management“

May, 2018

- Ministry of Justice and Judicial Assistance Baden-Württemberg (BGBW) concluded this agreement
- Description of the necessary processes of transition
- The common goal is to prevent recidivism among offenders

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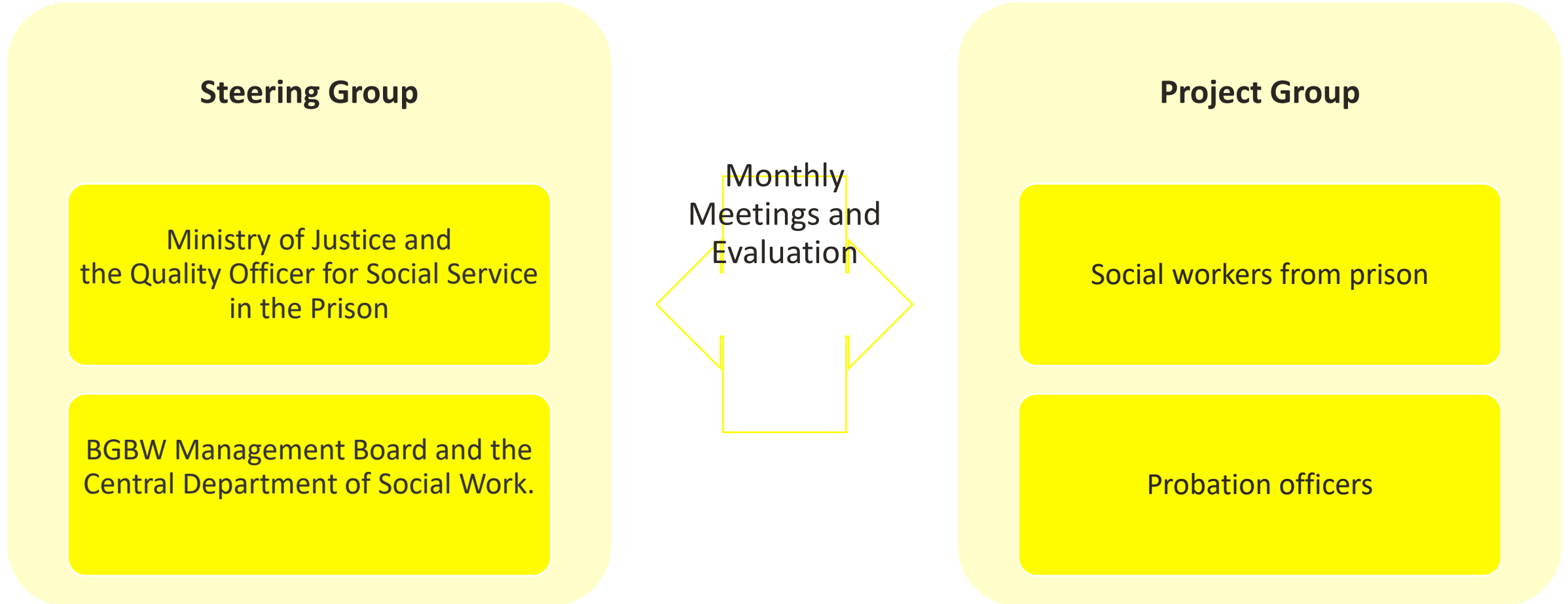
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2. Process sequence



3. Evaluation



Information is very useful for social workers in prison **(90,35%)**



Information is very useful for correctional planning in prison **(73,70%)**



Information is very useful for assessment **(68,40%)**



By using the same documentation system, prison and probation staff had more contact **(61,65%)**

Results of evaluation sheets

- We used the tool „unfrageonline.de“
- 98 responses (return rate of 32,8%)
- 299 project cases

Benefits (Results of the monthly meetings)



Prisoners/Clients

- Improved Transition
- Improving security situation (e.g. suicidality)
- Important informations about the social situation before/after imprisonment
- Prisoner does not have to provide information about his/her biography in several places



Social Workers in Prison

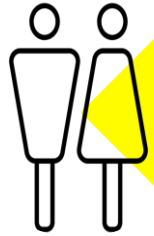
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- An overview of the probation process is available
- Better and earlier correactional planning is possible
- Improvement of security of prison staff by providing important information



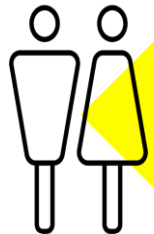
Probation Officers

- All documents relating to a client are already available
- The assessment can be started earlier
- Improvement of security of probation staff by providing important information

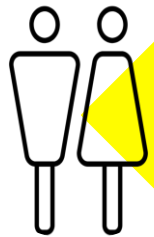
4. Conclusions



**Improvement of cooperation
between prison and probation
service**



**Professionalization of social
assistance provided to offenders**



**Successfully reintegration into
society and reducing recidivism**



5. Exchange

How about your country?
Let the other participants know:

- 1. How do you ensure that the relevant data is transferred from prison to probation service and vice versa?**
- 2. What can we learn from your best practice examples?**



Herzlichen Dank!



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