

Evidence Based Decision Making: What does it mean for Virginia?

History and Background of EBDM
Nationally and in Virginia



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EBDM Overarching Goal

- To create a framework for justice systems that will result in improved system outcomes
 - *through true collaborative partnerships,*
 - *systematic use of research, and*
 - *a shared vision of desired outcomes.*



Through the EBDM Initiative we hoped to...

- Affirm existing practices that have been demonstrated to be effective
- Inspire and challenge practices that can be improved
- Create tools and processes that can be replicated elsewhere
- Address those thorny issues that are barriers to advancement, especially those that are barriers to true collaboration



EBDM is Hard Work...

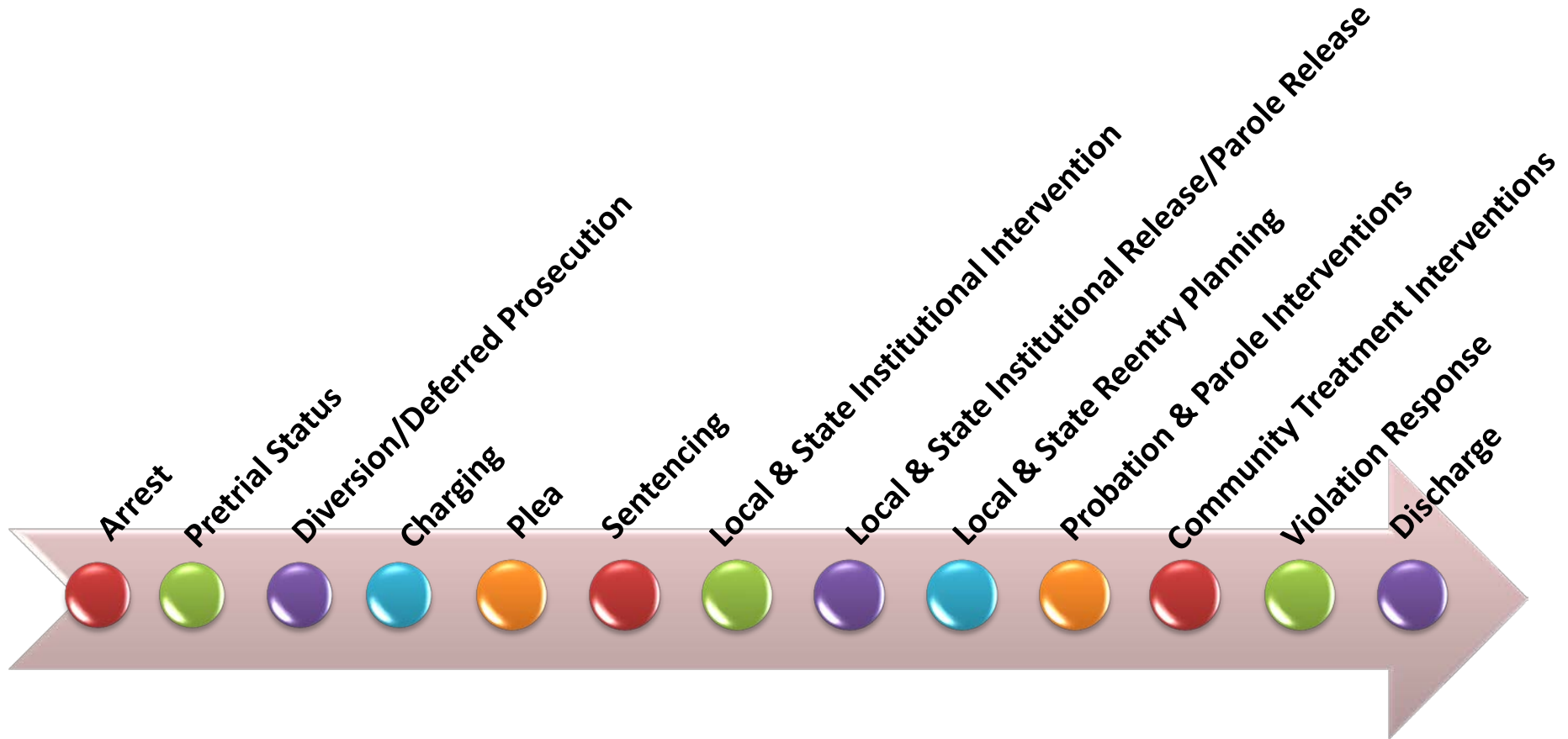
- It will require:
 - “Pushing the envelope” and putting in place policies that are outside of what has traditionally been done
 - Leadership and courage
 - Shared responsibility for collaborative shifts in policy



Collaboration: Everyone is talking about it, but is anyone doing it?



Key Justice System Decision Points: State and Local Level EBDM

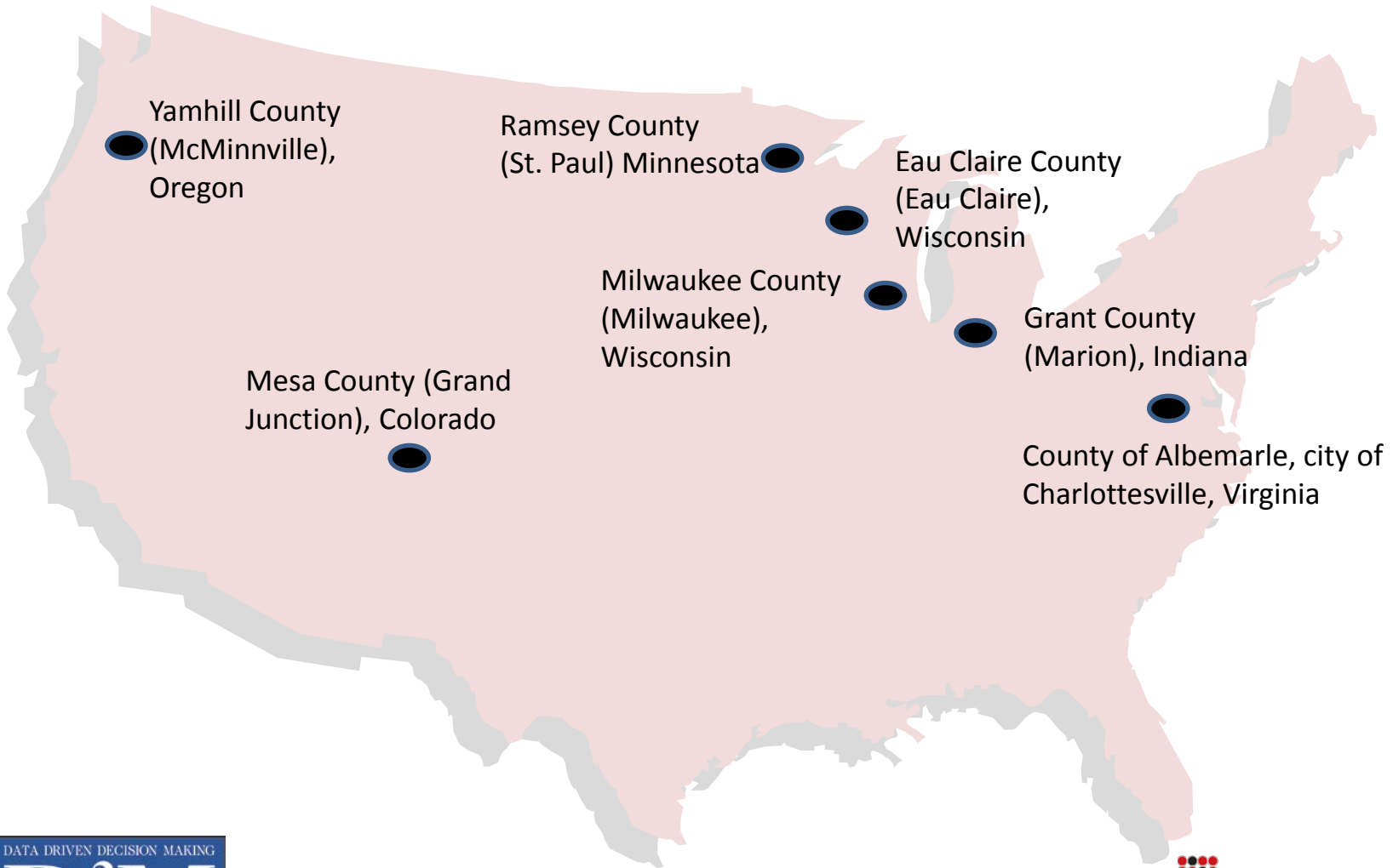


The EBDM Principles

- Principle 1: The professional judgment of criminal justice system decision makers is enhanced when informed by evidence-based knowledge.
- Principle 2: Every interaction within the criminal justice system offers an opportunity to enhance efficiencies, improve outcomes and reduce victims.
- Principle 3: Systems achieve better outcomes when they operate collaboratively.
- Principle 4: The criminal justice system will continually learn and improve when professionals make decisions based on the collection, analysis, and use of data and information.



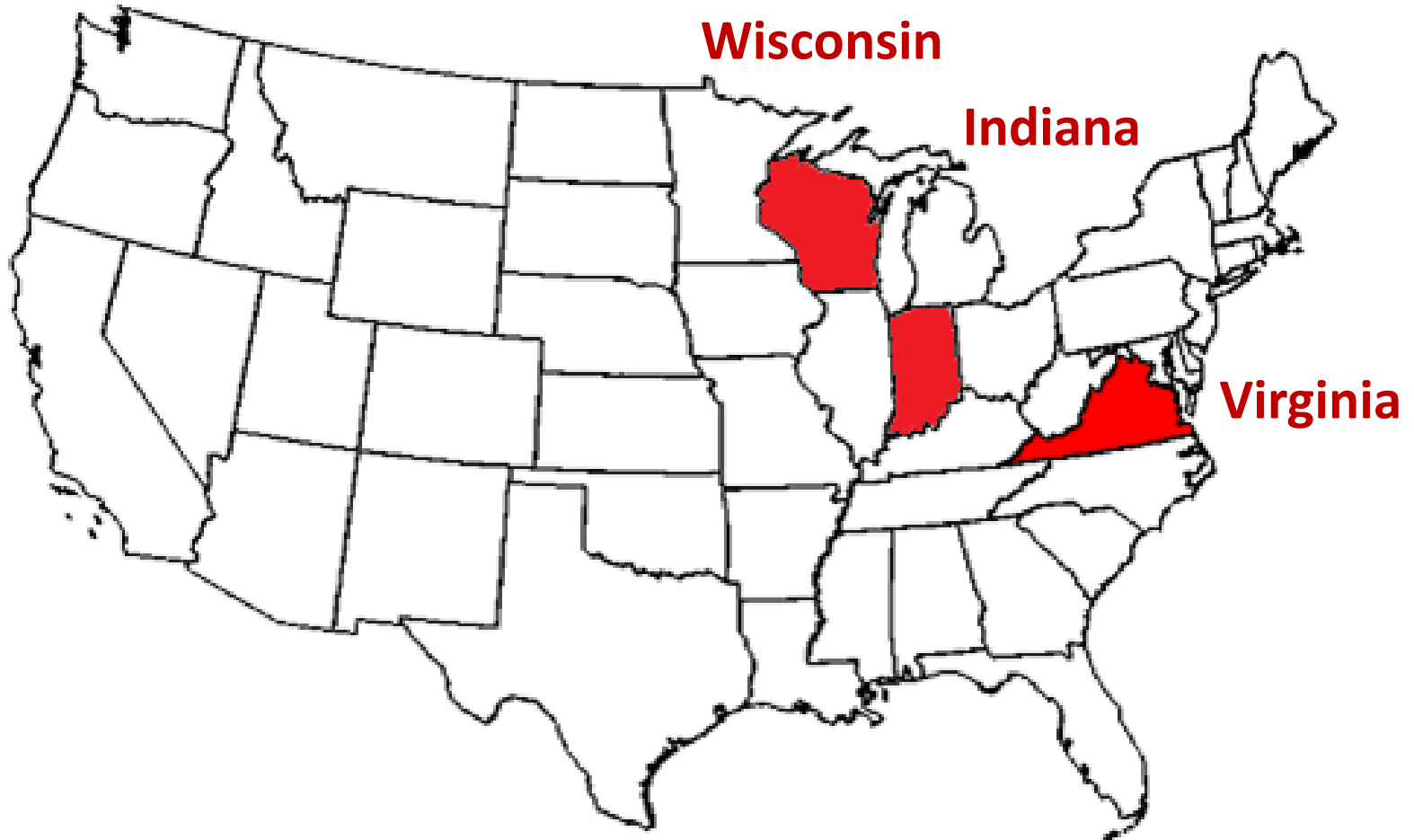
EBDM Local Sites (Phases II & III)



What a Policy Team Looks Like



Phase V States



Phase V: Purpose

- The purpose of Phase V is to begin the work of EBDM in multiple local jurisdictions and at the state level
- Phase V will be a planning phase, similar to the Phase II planning the EBDM local sites experienced



Participating Jurisdictions

Virginia

- State EBDM Policy Team
- Chesterfield County
- City of Norfolk
- City of Petersburg
- Prince William County
- City of Richmond
- City of Staunton

Indiana

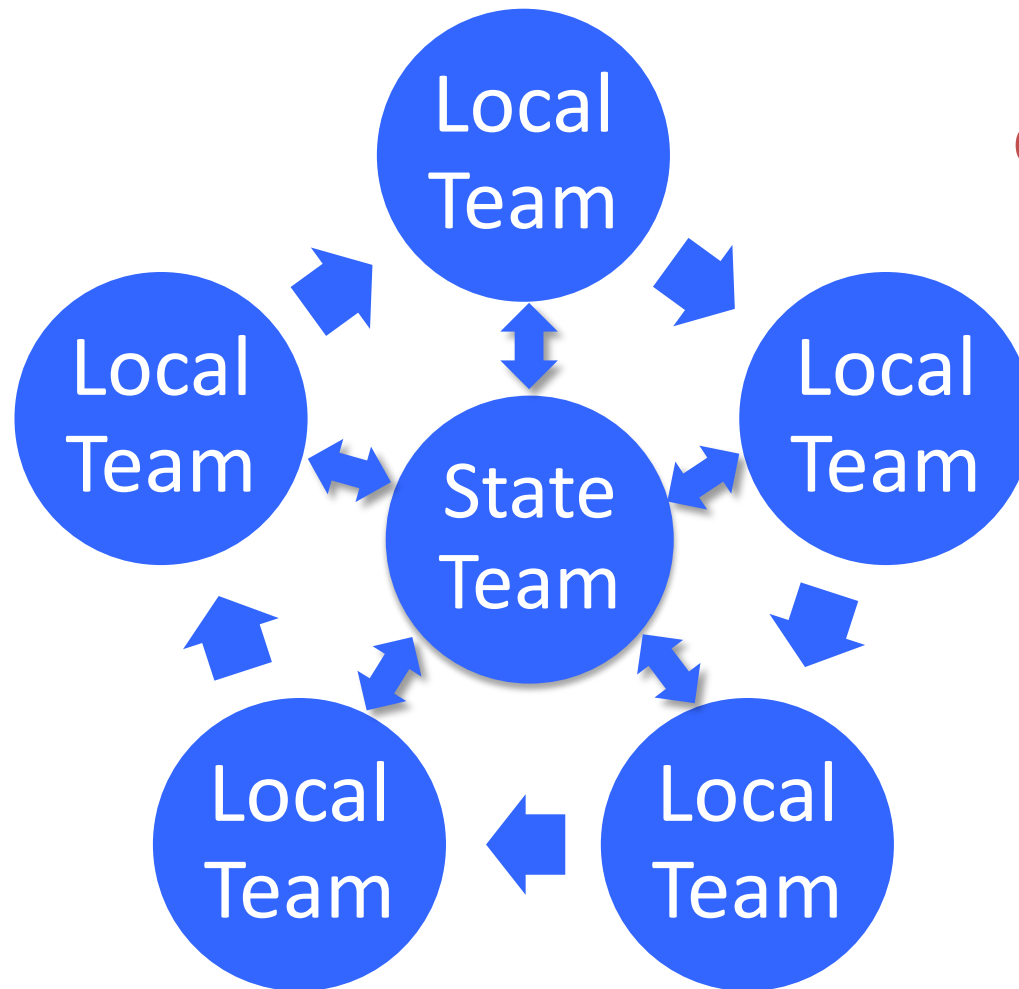
- State EBDM Policy Team
- Bartholomew County
- Hamilton County
- Hendricks County
- Jefferson County
- Porter County
- Tipton County

Wisconsin

- State EBDM Policy Team
- Chippewa County
- La Crosse County
- Marathon County
- Outagamie County
- Rock County
- Waukesha County



Illustration of Phase V In-State Collaborations



Phase V: Work completed thus far...

- Developed team charter
 - Ground rules, values, vision, etc.
- System mapping
- Identified change items
 - Risk tools, pretrial stage, diversion, violations, domestic violence, mental health, and community resources



State Team Change Items

- Probation Violations
- Assessments
- Data and Information



EBDM Resources

NIC Evidence-Based Decision Making Webpage:

<http://nicic.gov/ebdm>

Initiative Website:

<http://www.ebdmoneless.org/>

- EBDM Framework
- Information on the seven local jurisdictions from Phases II/III (e.g., goals, products, news)
- Tools and Resources (Starter Kit and other EBDM Products)



Evidenced Based Decision Making

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Evidence Based Decision Making in Virginia

