



ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

**Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board
Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2020
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

MINUTES

Welcome and introductions

Committee Chair Kathy Saltmarsh called the meeting to order and led introductions.

Committee Member Attendance	Present	Phone	Absent
Darlene Baptiste, DuPage Probation (designee of Kathy Starkovich)			X
Cristin Evans, ICJIA (designee of Jason Stamps)	X		
Craig Findley, Prisoner Review Board			X
Heather O'Donnell, Thresholds (designee of Mark Ishaug)	X		
Hon. James M. Radcliffe (Ret.), LAP			X
Kathy Saltmarsh (Committee Chair), SPAC	X		
Alyssa Williams, IDOC (designee of Rob Jeffreys)			X

Also in attendance:

Mary Ann Dyar, ARI Program Director; Gail Smith, ARI Project and Policy Coordinator; Stacey Woods, ARI Program Manager. On the telephone: Katie Tuten, member of the public

Approval of previous meeting minutes

In the absence of a quorum, the committee did not approve previous meeting minutes.

Discussion of strategic planning process and next steps

Ms. Saltmarsh noted that the Outreach, Technical Assistance, & Communication Committee serves as the “home” for continuing conversations following the planning effort that charted a strategic direction for ARI for the next three years. She reported on the new plan’s vision for visibility, outreach, and communications to build ARI’s impact, including leveraging other major state reform efforts. The committee discussed the program infrastructure and staffing required to implement the strategic plan and reviewed the organizational chart included in the materials.

Ms. Dyar noted that the report recently released by the Illinois Justice, Equity, and Opportunity (JEO) Initiative includes goals to “improve equitable deflection and diversion opportunities from the justice system,” and to support ARI “to reduce the number of people entering the Illinois Department of Corrections.” Committee members discussed a plan to meet with JEO Director Quinn Rallins to talk about collaboration.

Ms. Saltmarsh stressed that ARI expansion efforts should focus on more effectively reducing admissions to the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) including admissions for

probation-eligible violent offenses. Ms. O'Donnell said that messaging around outcomes will be important. Ms. Dyar noted staff has had intentional conversations with states attorneys, public defenders, and judges about eligibility expansion and other policies during site visits. The group discussed making presentations to the Illinois State's Attorneys Association and the Conference of Chief Judges to challenge perceptions around serving those with person offenses and including the voices of site representatives, ARI participants, and possibly crime survivors in partnership with the Alliance for Safety and Justice. Ms. Saltmarsh offered SPAC's participation.

Ms. Woods suggested focusing on participant service needs, such as community-based treatment, rather than on the participant's offense. Ms. Dyar noted some sites are shifting ARI fund uses from supporting specific program models to system approaches to serve and divert a broad range of clients with varying needs.

Ms. Saltmarsh noted that the new Restore, Reinvest, Renew (R3) grant program will fund community capacity of non-criminal justice services which will make ARI's funds and efforts go further. Ms. O'Donnell stated mental health services is a critical need that is lacking. The committee recommended ARI staff survey sites on their top five community behavioral health needs and the specific program investments they are making and still need to make to effectively divert people with behavioral health needs from IDOC. This information could inform decisions about front-end investments in prevention and community capacity-building.

The group discussed engaging sites in outreach to county boards and local elected officials by developing fact sheets and inviting them to participate in site visits..

Action steps:

- Ms. Dyar will discuss the above plans with Acting Director Jason Stamps.
- Ms. Saltmarsh and Ms. O'Donnell will discuss outreach in Springfield.
- ARI staff will find out when the Illinois State's Attorneys Association and Conference of Chief Judges meet and how to get on upcoming agendas.
- ARI staff should alert the sites to Chief Justice Burke's listening tour so that they can advocate for their programs.

Old business/New business

Ms. Dyar discussed the new ARI website's features, including site information and links to the Research Hub, current ICJIA funding opportunities, and technical assistance from ICJIA.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.
(Approved 7/23/2020)