



# ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

**Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board  
Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

## MINUTES

### Welcome and introductions

Ms. Saltmarsh called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. Ms. Dyar took roll and it was determined there was a quorum.

<b>Committee Member Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Darlene Baptiste, DuPage Probation (designee of Kathy Starkovich)		X	
Cristin Evans, ICJIA (designee of John Maki)	X		
Craig Findley, Prisoner Review Board			X
Hon. James M. Radcliffe (Ret., LAP)		X	
Kathy Saltmarsh (Committee Chair), SPAC	X		
Lindsey LaPointe, BPI	X		
Heather O'Donnell, Thresholds (designee of Mark Ishaug)	X		

Others present:

Mary Ann Dyar, ARI Program Director

Gail Smith, ARI Project and Policy Coordinator

Nate Inglis Steinfeld, Research Director, Sentencing Policy Advisory Council

Julia Sportolari, ARI Training Coordinator

On the telephone, Hon. Thomas Sumner (Ret.)

Ms. Saltmarsh reviewed the goals for the meeting: (1) get a debriefing on the highlights of the May ARI-CJCC summit, (2) establish training, technical assistance and outreach priorities for the coming fiscal year based on emerging issues (eligibility expansion and SIU evaluation findings) and site input, and (3) talk about communications strategies for site support, public awareness about eligibility expansion, and positioning the program with policymakers vis a vis justice reform efforts.

### Approval of previous meeting minutes

The minutes from the January 16, 2019, meeting were distributed and reviewed. Ms. LaPointe moved to approve the minutes. Ms. O'Donnell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with no recusals and no abstentions.

### Debriefing on 2019 All-Sites Summit

Ms. Dyar shared a summary of the 2019 All Sites Summit. More than 150 participants attended, representing an estimated 40 counties. The theme of *Endurance, Expansion and Inclusion* reflected the

hard work and dedication of sites as well as program participants; the opportunities with ARI eligibility expansion and growing local criminal justice coordinating efforts; and the inclusion of diverse stakeholders' viewpoints, including those of crime survivors. The Summit agenda featured a keynote speech from Aswad Thomas of the Alliance of Safety and Justice; lunchtime address from Quinn Rallins, head of the Justice, Equity and Opportunity Initiative in the Lieutenant Governor's office; and several topical break-out sessions. Ms. LaPointe summarized the session, "Instead of Prison: Enhancing Diversion and Community Resources to Reduce Violence," which was a panel discussion with crime survivors Aswad Thomas and Lisa Daniels; Kathryn Bocanegra, researcher and clinician; and herself talking about ARI eligibility expansion. Ms. Dyar reported on a session with Southern Illinois University researchers about the evaluation of ARI Intensive Supervision Probation with Services programs, focusing on the positive findings around collaboration and community involvement. Overall, the Summit was well-received; attendees requested additional training and technical assistance around trauma-informed care, cognitive behavioral therapy, restorative justice, grant-writing and management.

#### Discussion of SFY20 training and technical assistance plan

The committee discussed ways to use feedback from the Summit to prioritize outreach and technical assistance efforts in a resource-strapped environment. It was noted that sites expressed concern about public perception and potential lack of public support for expanding program eligibility.

The committee discussed ways to provide education around expanding ARI-funded services, including by describing the experiences and processes of sites that already or soon will serve an expanded target population and the importance of focusing on the risk-need profiles of the individuals instead of the violent/non-violent nature of the offenses. Darlene Baptiste noted that in DuPage County, the conversation with judges and other stakeholders were about increasing the pool of high-risk probationers for the program.

The committee suggested gathering data from sites to find out what additional information and support is needed to support eligibility expansion, including looking at ways to address the opioid crisis and the problem of people with mental illness cycling through local jails.

The committee discussed ways to prepare for the budget process to secure more resources next year and in subsequent years, including for training, technical assistance, and quality assurance. Ms. O'Donnell recommended developing a fact sheet that would describe for policymakers ARI's approach to address issues at the juncture of behavioral health and justice, and the costs saved. In particular, it was suggested that staff gather three or four stories to share with the Governor's office and the Lieutenant Governor's Justice, Equity and Opportunity (JEO) Initiative to support eligibility expansion and illustrate alignment with restorative justice concepts.

#### Old business/New business

Ms. Dyar discussed the need to engage in a strategic planning process as the current plan expires in 2020. She asked whether OTACC members would help plan the ARI strategic planning session. Ms. Saltmarsh agreed that OTACC would help organize the process (finding a venue, developing the agenda and materials, identifying an outside facilitator), suggesting a full day was needed.

Ms. Dyar noted that the SFY 2018 annual report was in development and that a website overhaul was in process.

The committee discussed the scheduling of the next meeting in late July to work on preparing for the strategic planning meeting.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Ms. O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 p.m. and Ms. LaPointe seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

**(Approved 7/23/2020)**