

Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2011
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
JRTC, 100 W. Randolph Street, Room 2-025, Chicago
IDOC, 1301 Concordia Court, ISU Building Lab Room, Springfield

Board members in attendance (Chicago): Joe Antolin, Mike Bacula (for Jesus Reyes), Joe Bruscato, Tony Godinez, Angelique Orr Gordon, Patricia Hayden, Michael Hood, Thomas Mahoney, Michael Pelletier, Michelle Saddler, Kathy Saltmarsh, Lisa Stephens (for Jack Cutrone)

Board members in attendance via videoconference (Springfield): Michael Torchia

Board members absent: Walter Boyd, Christopher Garcia, Adam Monreal, James Radcliffe

Non-Board members in attendance: Jordan Boulger, Mary Ann Dyar, Daynia Sanchez-Bass, Juliana Stratton, Sara Sullivan, Christine Devitt Westley, Paula Wolff

Call to order/Roll call/Introductions

Director Godinez called the meeting to order, and Mary Ann Dyar performed the roll call.

Director Godinez introduced new members of the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB):

- Winnebago State's Attorney Joseph P. Bruscato as the new designee from the Illinois State's Attorneys Association. Mr. Bruscato takes over for LaSalle County State's Attorney Brian Towne.
- Patricia Hayden as the representative from DuPage County Adult Probation. Ms. Hayden is the Deputy Court Administrator for Probation for the 18th Judicial Circuit. She takes the place formerly held by Rob Vickery, who served us well while on the Board.
- Our new representative from the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender is Christopher A. Garcia, who is Director of Policy for the office. Mr. Garcia replaces Vicki Rogers, whom we would like to thank for her contributions. Mr. Garcia was not present at the meeting.

Approval of the minutes of August 1, 2011 meeting

Secretary Saddler called for a vote to approve the minutes from the last ARIOB meeting on August 1st. She noted the minutes were reviewed ahead of time by Jesse Reyes to make sure his comments were recorded accurately. Upon a motion by Angelique Orr Gordon, seconded by Kathy Saltmarsh, the minutes from the August 1st ARIOB meeting were approved.

Approval of plan to disburse remaining grant funds

Secretary Saddler led the discussion about how to disburse unexpended grant funds in the coming year. Of the \$4 million that was received in federal ARRA JAG funds, \$3.1 million has been awarded as planning and pilot site implementation grants, and \$440,000 is being used for program administration. There is approximately \$460,000 remaining to designate for use prior to the expiration of the funds in February 2013. Based on previous discussions with the Oversight Board, the recommendation is for the following plan:

1. The first priority will be to provide supplemental funds to the existing pilot sites based on need and their performance to-date. These funds will be offered to the 10 pilot sites in a competitive process tentatively conducted through February 2012.
2. Remaining funds will be offered as planning grants of up to \$30,000 to local jurisdictions for a 90-day period March 1st through May 31st, to prepare for pilot site implementation starting July 1, 2012.

ARI staff will get instructions to the sites for how to apply for the supplemental funds. Angelique Orr Gordon made a motion to approve expending the funds in the manner described, which was seconded by Mike Hood. The motion passed. Director Godinez clarified that ARIOB is approving the direction and a general timeline for distribution of the funds. At the February 6th meeting, Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) staff will present supplemental funding recommendations on which ARIOB will vote. A list of targets for any planning grant funds remaining will also be provided.

Report from the Program Administrator

Mary Ann Dyar provided a brief report on the activities in the Adult Redeploy Illinois program. A written report was included in meeting materials.

- First-round pilot sites:
 - DuPage – 84 participants (and 3 successfully discharged) toward 21 reduction goal
 - Jersey – 7 participants toward 12 reduction goal
 - Knox – 4 participants toward 16 reduction goal
 - Macon – 48 participants toward 94 reduction goal
 - St. Clair – 6 participants toward 30 reduction goal; ARI staff providing technical assistance
- Second-round pilot sites (Fulton, McLean, Madison, Winnebago): grant agreements executed and starting to enroll participants.
 - Cook – awaiting county board approval (11/15 meeting) but continuing with planning.
- ARI staff conducted site visits to DuPage County, Jersey County, Macon County and St. Clair County. The other pilot sites will be visited after the first of the year.
- The first national Summit on Performance Incentive Funding was held in Chicago, 9/15-9/16/11. Sponsored by Pew, BJS and Vera. More than 60 participants from 10 states came to discuss implementation successes, challenges and lessons learned with this best practice. Illinois was one of the states prominently featured for having implemented an early model demonstrating PIF works. Thanks to Director Godinez and Director Cutrone for welcoming the group.
- Upcoming Priorities
 - Building case for FY13 support using performance measurement data from database.
 - Working on 2011 Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly.
 - Reconvening ARIOB committees (Site Selection & Monitoring; Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication; and Performance Measurement).

Presentation by Macon County Adult Redeploy Illinois pilot site

Secretary Saddler introduced the team from Macon County to report directly to ARIOB on progress to-date. She noted that Macon County has an ambitious reduction goal and is so far a success story for the program.

- Dr. Jeanelle Norman, Community Restorative Boards Coordinator
- David Spence, Assistant State's Attorney
- Christine Pinckard, Adult Redeploy Illinois Program Manager
- Greg Mattingley, Public Defender
- Bruce Angleman, Heritage Behavioral Health Center
- David Kidd, Director of Special Projects in the Macon County State's Attorney's Office

Christine Pinckard gave a PowerPoint presentation describing Macon County's target population, logic model and treatment process. She also shared some of the successes and challenges the team has experienced. The Macon County ARI program is working with people with long criminal histories, 90% of whom have substance abuse/mental health issues. There is strong collaboration among the stakeholders, who meet weekly to discuss individual participants' progress.

ARI intensive probation includes Moral Reconciliation Therapy (12-step cognitive behavioral therapy program), substance abuse and mental illness evaluations, case management (help with employment and housing), and participation in Community Restorative Boards. Following these steps, participants are released to regular probation where they serve out their sentence. No one has “graduated” off of probation yet, but there is a low re-offense rate among participants (only two people have been violated to IDOC).

With help from ICJIA, they have collected a lot of helpful data, to look at trends and treatment outcomes. With 48 people in the program, they are halfway to their reduction goal with 66% of the time left on their grant. The challenges they face include: depleted funding for drug testing, transportation issues, treatment wait lists, personnel shortages, and the impending leadership transition with a retiring state’s attorney and public defender.

ARIOB members had a variety of questions. There was a discussion about how Macon County ARI leverages other community resources as part of its case management. Joe Antolin noted the need for these services until 2014 when healthcare reform comes into effect. He mentioned an impending RFP from Health and Family Services to help with the transition to 2014.

Angelique Orr Gordon asked what services the participants find most helpful. Participants like MRT, and there was a discussion about the strong peer review component that is part of MRT. With the large number of people coming into ARI, they have added a gender-specific MRT group. Bruce Angelman talked about looking at the effect of behavioral health programs like MRT on treatment outcomes.

Dr. Jeannelle Norman described how volunteers are recruited for the Community Restorative Boards. Volunteers go through 6-8 hours of training in restorative justice and a background check. Mary Ann described the community restorative circle the site visit team observed. She would like to see community components at all of the sites.

Greg Mattingley talked about the workforce connections they help make for ARI participants, working with the Spotlight Center and the Justice Council. Christine said that they will be tracking employment outcomes.

Patricia Hayden asked how is ARI probation officer role is different from that of a regular probation officer. David Spence said the main difference is that there is more direct and frequent contact (with smaller caseloads), which allows for rapport and trust to build up.

David Kidd mentioned that they have been able to translate some of their experience with the juvenile Redeploy Illinois program in Macon County – such as the importance of collaboration – directly to Adult Redeploy Illinois. Macon County has been a part of juvenile Redeploy Illinois for eight years with a 33% reduction rate.

Joe Antolin noted that the Performance Measurement Committee should look at the intentional activities at the different pilot sites that increase success rates, e.g., number of contacts/week. Jordan Boulger from ICJIA said that there is a lot of data being collected through the database.

Discussion of preliminary performance measures

Next, Jordan Boulger reported on initial performance measurement data collected from first four pilot sites. The first four pilot sites reported diverting 150 non-violent offenders from IDOC (towards 372 goal) – on track to the overall goal. The database includes performance measures on two levels: program overall (as listed in statute: 25% reduction, recidivism, revocation, education/employment, restitution), and program-specific based on program type (e.g., intensive probation: number of face-to-face contacts/caseload sizes; specialty courts:

treatment engagement). While it is too soon to see trends, the data provide important contextual information on how the program is being implemented at the sites. ICJIA and ARI staff also are working on cost savings data. Jordan said that it was good to see the pilot sites using the database as intended.

Joe Antolin referred to the “dashboard” that was circulated. He noted that it will be important to distinguish between outputs and outcomes in performance measurement, as these distinctions are important in the state’s Budgeting for Results process and for federal purposes. Mary Ann mentioned that the Cook County ARI program may be working with the University of Chicago Crime Lab on outcome evaluation that will go beyond the ICJIA evaluation. The Performance Measurement Committee will want to discuss these topics.

At Secretary Saddler’s suggestion, Mary Ann will send around again the list of ARIOB committees, the committee charges, and names of those who signed up to help. Mary Ann asked whether the draft “dashboard” with key indicators that was circulated would be helpful to Board members. Secretary Saddler suggested sharing the dashboard with juvenile Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board.

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2012

Secretary Saddler proposed meeting dates for the coming year.

- First quarterly meeting: Monday, February 6, 2012, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Second quarterly meeting: Monday, May 7, 2012, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Third quarterly meeting: Monday, August 6, 2012, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Fourth quarterly meeting: Monday, November 5, 2012*, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

*May have to change November date (day before Election Day).

Discussion about FY13 GRF request

Director Godinez led a discussion on ARI staff’s efforts to build the case to secure FY13 General Revenue funding from the state to support the program once federal funds expire in February 2013. He suggested communicating (1) program successes like Macon County ARI, and (2) potential cost savings data, particularly to legislators. There was a discussion about quantifying savings beyond corrections costs, and other collateral benefits, such as with recidivism reduction and community engagement and volunteerism.

ARI staff will be requesting letters of support from ARIOB members for GRF case, as well as testimonials from the pilot sites. Mary Ann said that the request is for up to \$2.5 million in FY13 to supplement the remaining ARRA dollars for the existing sites, and add up to four new sites. ARI is about a \$5 million per year program.

Secretary Saddler described the state budgeting process and timeline. Mary Ann noted that the ARI budget request is not for separate allocation, but will likely be part of a state agency budget as it is now part of ICJIA’s. At the February meeting, Secretary Saddler suggested ARIOB discuss how to support the budget request. Mary Ann noted there is support in the Governor’s Office for Adult Redeploy Illinois and the rest of the Crime Reduction Act (CRA). The goal will be to get the ARI request in the Governor’s budget and then encourage members of the General Assembly (particularly the CRA sponsors) to keep it in the final negotiated budget.

Old business/New business

There were no other issues to discuss.

Adjournment

Director Godinez requested a motion to adjourn, which was made by Joe Antolin and seconded by Mike Hood. (Approved 2/6/12)