

**Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB) Regular Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2015, 1:30-3:30p.m.
Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Room 2-025, Chicago, IL 60601**

ARIOB members present (CHI): Director S.A. Godinez, co-chair; Darlene Bearden (for Patricia Hayden); Lavone Haywood; Thomas Mahoney; John Maki; Angelique Orr; Lori Roper

ARIOB members present (SPI): Acting Secretary Melissa Wright, co-chair; Kathy Saltmarsh; Mike Torchia

ARIOB members by phone: Joseph Antolin

Non-ARIOB participating (CHI or SPI): Ashley Blair, Lisa Castillo, Mary Ann Dyar, Samantha Gaddy, Rebecca Janowitz, Ian Jantz, Lindsey LaPointe, Janelle Prueter, Judge Mary Colleen Roberts, Lorena Roque, Risa Sacomani, LaToyia Sias, Sara Wasserteil, Katy Welter

Non-ARIOB by phone: Esther Franco-Payne, Lynne Mock, Jessica Reichert, Rebecca Skorek, Judge Thomas Sumner (Ret.)

Call to order/Roll call/Introductions

Director Godinez called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. Mary Ann Dyar called roll, and it was determined there was quorum. Director Godinez welcomed Acting Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) Melissa Wright as co-chair, and the new Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) Director John Maki. Following the retirement of Deborah White, the ARIOB also added Attorney Supervisor Lori Roper as the new designee from the Cook County Public Defender's office.

Approval of the minutes of November 10, 2014 regular meeting minutes

Acting Secretary Wright requested that members review the minutes from the November 10, 2014 meeting. Kathy Saltmarsh motioned to approve the minutes, and Mike Torchia seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, minutes approved.

Program director report

Director Godinez asked Mary Ann Dyar to provide a report on the last quarter. She shared the following highlights:

- ARI collected data from sites for the October 1st-December 31st quarter. During this quarter, ARI served more than 1,200 clients, with 214 newly enrolled. Fifty-nine people successfully completed the program, while 43 terminations resulted in IDOC sentences, which is consistent with prior periods and steady among the 18 sites.
- To determine the number of diversions, ARI looks at the number served less the number sent to IDOC, which totaled 1,184 at a cost-savings of \$5 million for the quarter. To determine cost-savings, ARI takes the number of people who participated in ARI instead of being admitted to IDOC and multiplies that figure by the difference in cost between prison and ARI for a three-month period. Through these calculations, ARI has saved Illinois nearly \$47 million since January 2011.
- All three working committees met in January 2015. More information was shared during their committee reports. ARI staff thanked committee members for their commitment and time.
- ARI was named alongside juvenile Redeploy Illinois in the Governor's Public Safety Transition Report.
- *Illinois Issues* featured ARI as an evidence-based, results-oriented program in a January 2015 article titled "Decaptivity."

Presentation by Cook County Access to Community Treatment (ACT) Court

Acting Secretary Wright introduced Judge Mary Colleen Roberts and Program Manager Katy Welter to present on the Cook County Access to Community Treatment (ACT) Court, which has been an ARI site since 2014. The ACT Court received a \$915,100 grant in SFY15 and is the first problem-solving court that focuses on linking non-violent offenders with extensive criminal backgrounds and substance abuse issues to Medicaid-funded services.

The ACT Court began with an ARI planning grant in spring 2013 when Judge Paul Biebel, Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division, convened a committee of key stakeholders to create a proposal for ARI, with facilitation assistance from the National Center for State Courts and staffing assistance through the Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice. The planning process included a site visit to New York City sponsored by the Center for Court Innovation, which provided many lessons from a city with a Medicaid-rich program in place. Implementation began in October 2013 with a nine-month grant and the ACT Court admitted its first participant in February 2014. The ACT Court has grown steadily, from 14 participants in March 2014 to 77 at the end of the 2014. The anticipated active court caseload is 100 (research indicates that such intensive programs' caseloads should not exceed 130).

The ACT Court is a drug court probation model targeting high-risk and high-need individuals who are likely to be sentenced to IDOC. ACT Court participants have been arrested for Class 4 Possession of a Controlled Substance or Class 3 or 4 Retail Theft and have at least three prior felony convictions and one prior IDOC commitment. Validated clinical assessments are completed by TASC, and only substance dependent individuals qualify for the ACT Court. Participants must agree to probation with a guilty plea and must complete objective measures to progress through program phases. Management and intensive supervision of participants is done in teams; a probation officer and a case manager operate as a unit with small caseloads (approximately 50). The program employs frequent random drug testing and graduated sanctions and incentives.

Judge Roberts and Katy Welter discussed the program's early successes and challenges, as well as lessons learned. The Affordable Care Act (ACA), which expanded Medicaid, has been both a success and a challenge since not all needed services are covered and polices are influx. The ACA has been a catalyst for discussing additional treatment options within the justice system overall, largely due to the Justice and Health Initiative. All ACT Court participants have been found to be eligible for Medicaid under the ACA and most are receiving services, including both medical and substance abuse treatment. The ACT Court has built relationships with treatment providers and is encouraging them to accept new Medicaid patients.

Critical to the program is the strong collaboration among key stakeholders (especially in determining eligibility criteria); having dedicated, trained staff (including a strong program coordinator role which evidence shows leads to improved participant outcomes) and research and legal support from Appleseed; and data collection and analysis (to provide ongoing feedback). In 2014, the National Center for State Courts visited the ACT Court to conduct an implementation evaluation. In 2015, the Center for Court Innovation will work with the Criminal Division to "scale up" lessons learned through the ACT Court division-wide. In addition, the program has contracted with a University of Chicago researcher to conduct a broader evaluation.

The ARIOB thanked Judge Roberts and Katy for their presentation.

SFY15 Funding Update

From Springfield, Acting Secretary Wright introduced Samantha Gaddy, policy advisor from Governor Rauner's office, who informed the ARIOB that ARI should proceed with plans with SFY15 funding that was allocated. (These plans, using \$750,000 in additional funds for ARI transferred from DHS to ICJIA to add new sites, restore cuts to existing sites and offer planning grants, had been halted by Governor's Executive Order 15-08). This was discussed further in the agenda.

ARIOB committee reports

a. Site Selection and Monitoring

Angelique Orr presented the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee report. At its January 16, 2015 meeting, the committee approved SFY15 supplemental funding awards for eight existing sites to restore some of the cuts from earlier in the year. The awards totaled \$123,823 with funding from the DHS transfer.

The committee reviewed the monitoring activities at two recent site visits, to LaSalle County and the 2nd Judicial Circuit where ARI staff visited three of the 11 circuit-wide drug courts. The next site visit is

scheduled for February 25-27th in the 4th Judicial Circuit, which consists of mental health courts in Effingham and Christian counties. ARIOB members were invited to participate.

b. Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication

Kathy Saltmarsh presented the report from the Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication Committee based on its January 9, 2015 meeting. At the meeting, the committee reviewed the technical assistance that has been provided to sites and discussed planning for the 2015 All-Sites Summit. There was a discussion about the continued positive press about ARI and ongoing mentions of ARI and juvenile Redeploy Illinois by the legislature in criminal justice reform conversations. This committee has been instrumental in connecting ARI with policymakers and media.

c. Performance Measurement

Joseph Antolin presented the Performance Measurement Committee report from meetings held in December 2014, January 2015 and February 2015. The committee has been working with ICJIA's research staff to collect updated data from the ARI database including standard measures of individuals screened, enrolled, exited, and committed to IDOC, as well as risk assessment scores and reports on cognitive behavioral treatment. Committee work on an expanded corrective action plan policy was discussed in the following section.

Approval of corrective action plan policy (CAP) and CAP submitted by site

Joe Antolin provided information on the corrective action plan (CAP) policy and the proposed CAP policy matrix developed by the Performance Measurement Committee. The committee requested full ARIOB review and approval.

It was noted that ARI's main performance measure is the 25% reduction goal in IDOC non-violent commitments required by the Crime Reduction Act. The CAP policy matrix includes other performance measures necessary to be in compliance with ARI principles which can initiate corrective action, such as using validated assessment tools, implementing evidence-based practices, and working with a prison-bound population. The matrix helps codify expectations for the sites, program administration and the ARIOB. John Maki motioned to adopt the policy outlined by the matrix, and Angelique Orr seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Joe Antolin noted that the two sites with CAPs (Jersey and LaSalle counties) are implementing their corrective action steps and seeing improvements. The committee has been reviewing a third site, Cook HOPE, for corrective action regarding the prison-bound nature of its target population which was cited in a site-sponsored evaluation. The committee has looked at additional data on IDOC commitments from the sites to see if Cook HOPE is an outlier, which it appears to be. Cook HOPE submitted a CAP with specific actions to improve eligibility criteria and the referral process. Mary Ann acknowledged that Cook HOPE is committed to remaining within the ARI network and has proactively taken steps to improve its record. Angelique Orr motioned to approve the Cook HOPE CAP, John Maki seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Thomas Mahoney and Chief Haywood abstained.

Discussion of ARI SFY15 funding and SF16 budget

Mary Ann opened a discussion about ARI's funding picture in SFY15 and SFY16. In light of the earlier announcement by Samantha Gaddy from the Governor's Office, plans will move forward with funds transferred from DHS to bring on the four new sites (Grundy, Kankakee, Will, 20th Judicial Circuit) approved by the ARIOB in November 2014; provide supplemental funding awards to existing sites; and offer planning grants.

While large cuts are expected in the SFY16 budget, ARI is well-positioned, with bipartisan support, to receive continued funding due to the cost savings it demonstrates. ICJIA's budget request includes an increase in ARI funding. Director Godinez noted that any addition to the number of inmates in IDOC would require a new facility which is much higher than the cost of increased ARI funding. The Director offered to provide any data to support that case.

Review of strategic plan goals and objectives

Mary Ann introduced draft goals and objectives developed in the strategic planning process earlier in the year, which have been included in a four-page draft document intended for the public. As this is the first time the ARIOB has seen the document, she suggested that it be voted on at a later meeting after the ARIOB has an opportunity to review it. Staff believes this will be an important document to share with the Governor's office to show the one-year, three-year, and five-year goals ARI has in mind. Mary Ann will follow up with individual members to see if there are any additional questions/suggestions.

Old Business/New business

Based on a staff proposal to use any remaining DHS transfer funds to offer planning grants, Angelique Orr motioned to approve funds up to a total of \$150,000 for planning grants. Tom Mahoney seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed, motion carried.

ARI staff referred to a one-pager on the potential statewide impact of the ACA on ARI, using information collected from a site survey. ARI is working with TASC on this issue to assemble and disseminate information on best practices with ACA implementation at the site level. The Performance Measurement Committee has discussed this topic, but staff proposed forming a separate ad hoc working group to focus on the ACA impact. ARIOB members were invited to participate.

The next scheduled ARIOB meeting is May 4th. Lindsey LaPointe will be the main point of contact while Mary Ann is on maternity leave mid-April through mid-June.

Adjournment

Angelique Orr made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Director Godinez. All in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

(Approved 5/18/15)