

**Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB) Regular Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2015, 1:30-3:30p.m.
Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Room 2-025, Chicago, IL 60601**

ARIOB members present (CHI): Joseph Antolin, Joseph Bruscato, Amy Campanelli, Craig Findley, Patricia Hayden, Thomas Mahoney, Michael Pelletier, Brent Stratton

ARIOB members present (SPI): Gregory Bassi (for Secretary James Dimas, co-chair), Bryan Gleckler (for Director Donald Stolworthy, co-chair), James Radcliffe, Kathy Saltmarsh, Michael Torchia

Non-ARIOB participating (CHI or SPI): Megan Alderden, Lisa Castillo, Reshma Desai, Esther Franco-Payne, Kelly Gallivan-Ilaraza, Lindsey LaPointe, Janelle Prueter, Cindy Puent, Jessica Reichert, Risa Sacomani, Nate Inglis Steinfeld, Thomas Sumner, Sara Wasserteil, Chris Devitt Wesley

Call to order/Roll call/Introductions

Co-chair Gleckler called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. Lindsey LaPointe called roll, and it was determined there was quorum. Lindsey LaPointe introduced new ARIOB members: Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Director Donald Stolworthy (in absentia), General Counsel to the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Gregory Bassi, Cook County Public Defender Amy Campanelli, and Prisoner Review Board Chairman Craig Findley.

Approval of the minutes of the February 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes

Co-chair Bassi requested that members review the minutes from the February 2, 2015 meeting. Joseph Antolin motioned to approve the minutes, and co-chair Bassi seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, minutes approved.

Program director report

Co-chair Bassi asked Lindsey LaPointe to provide a report on the last quarter. She shared the following highlights:

- ARI is funding 22 sites around the state, with 24 diversion programs across 39 counties. Over the last quarter, 1,224 were served, 207 were newly enrolled, 50 successfully completed the program, and 58 were terminated and sent to IDOC. Last quarter, 1,166 individuals were diverted, resulting in a cost-avoidance of \$5 million.
- ARI awarded four non-competitive planning grants since the last ARIOB meeting after a planning grant notice was released in February. Current planning grantees are DeKalb, DuPage, and Kendall counties. Whiteside County withdrew its application after determining ARI was not the right fit at this point in time.
- ARI staff completed a site visit to the 4th Judicial Circuit in late February, meeting with treatment providers, attending court calls, speaking directly with clients of the mental health court, and meeting with judges including the Chief Judge. The 4th Judicial Circuit runs the Communities Restoring Wellness program, which focuses on restorative justice for problem-solving court clients, including a mentorship program and community service activities. This initiative, which was featured at the 2015 All-Sites Summit, is an example of an innovative program funded by ARI. The site visit report will be shared once it is finalized.
- Governor Rauner mentioned ARI during the February 4th State of the State Address as a way to improve the criminal justice system in Illinois. The Governor also held a press conference announcing the creation of the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing

Reform at the Sangamon County ARI program on February 11, 2015. ARIOB member Mike Torchia was present.

- The Performance Measurement Committee met twice, and the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee met once since the last ARIOB meeting. While the Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communications Committee did not meet this quarter, they worked closely with ARI staff to plan the 5th Annual All-Sites Summit in Bloomington, IL. ARIOB members attending this year's Summit included Kathy Saltmarsh, Joseph Bruscato, Walter Boyd, Lori Roper, John Maki, and Michael Torchia. Kathy Saltmarsh and Joseph Bruscato emphasized the tremendous amount of knowledge-sharing at the event. Joseph Bruscato expressed hope that the Summit can be expanded to 1.5 days or 2 days, as it had been in prior years.

Lindsey LaPointe gave a quick recap of the purpose and outcomes of the event, noting that the All-Sites Summit is held annually, this year with 150 attendees representing 43 counties. Sessions included: TASC discussing ways to leverage the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in diversion programs, the role of law enforcement in diversion programs, recovery support in ARI programs, and data for quality improvement and evaluation. Counties not currently receiving funding could attend and this participation has proven important in educating potential sites about options and best practices for implementing an ARI grant. DeKalb, Stevenson, and Vermillion counties are examples of non-ARI-funded counties present this year.

Discussion of SFY16 budget

Lindsey LaPointe provided background information on ARI's funding, noting that ARI has been exclusively funded with Illinois General Revenue Fund dollars since SFY14, with a \$7 million appropriation in both SFY14 and SFY15 (an additional \$750,000 in SFY15 funds was provided through a transfer from IDHS). It was noted that while Governor Rauner put forward a budget of \$10.75 million for ARI for SFY16 and ARI receives bipartisan support from the General Assembly, there is no guarantee the appropriation would reach \$10.75 million or that the state budget would be passed by July 1st, the start of SFY16. In preparation for all possible budget scenarios, ARI staff asked continuing sites to submit designation requests at an expansion level, should ARI receive a higher appropriation. However, to be conservative, ARI will move forward with maintenance level assumptions until the final budget is passed. ARI staff proposes that the ARIOB vote up to the higher amount sites requested to give ARI staff the flexibility to process the maintenance budgets and be ready to make adjustments without delay once the budget is passed, at whatever level. Lindsey LaPointe noted that no ARI funds will be disbursed before budget passage, and that some sites (counties) will "float" the programs until the budget is passed, while others may have to stall or decrease services. ARI is preparing grant agreements to ensure they are ready for execution and disbursement as soon as the budget is adopted.

Discussion and approval of SFY16 funding

Site Selection & Monitoring Committee member Patricia Hayden provided an update on the committee's activity during the quarter. She noted that the committee reviewed 22 renewal site requests at its May 11th meeting via 21 applications (the 20th Judicial Circuit proposes to combine two sites into one grant). The committee sought clarification and additional information from four sites: 2nd Judicial Circuit, 4th Judicial Circuit, 20th Judicial Circuit, and Madison County. Three additional sites – Cook ACT, Jersey County, and Kane County – were recommended for approval, pending assurance of cost-effectiveness. The Cook HOPE proposal is being recommended for approval, with funding beyond six months contingent upon progress with its corrective action plan (CAP). The committee requested a separate vote for Cook HOPE and the four counties with outstanding questions, with unified motion for the remaining 16 applications.

Michael Torchia requested that DuPage and Sangamon counties have their own vote, while Joseph Bruscato requested the same for Winnebago County, to allow for members to abstain where necessary. Co-chair Bryan Gleckler called for a motion to approve the grants requiring abstentions from various board members.

- Joseph Antolin motioned for approval of Winnebago County up to the amount requested contingent on available funds, which was seconded by Craig Findley. All in favor, with Joseph Bruscato abstaining, and none opposed. Motion passed.
- Joseph Antolin motioned for approval for Sangamon County up to the amount requested contingent on available funds, which was seconded by Brent Stratton. All in favor, with Michael Torchia abstaining, and none opposed. Motion passed.
- Joseph Antolin motioned for approval for DuPage County up to the amount requested contingent on available funds, which was seconded by Brent Stratton. All in favor, with Patricia Hayden abstaining, and none opposed. Motion passed.
- Joseph Antolin motioned for approval for Cook HOPE up to the amount requested contingent on available funds and with the condition that it must make progress on its CAP to receive funding beyond six months. Kathy Saltmarsh asked whether Cook HOPE's CAP includes increasing the number of offenders enrolled who are high risk. Lindsey LaPointe confirmed that it does, and Joseph Antolin said the Performance Measurement Committee is monitoring the CAP, which has the attention of the major stakeholders. The motion was seconded by Brent Stratton. All in favor, with Amy Campanelli and Thomas Mahoney abstaining, and none opposed. Motion passed.
- Joseph Antolin motioned for approval for Cook ACT up to the amount requested contingent on available funds, which was seconded by Brent Stratton. All in favor, with Amy Campanelli and Thomas Mahoney abstaining, and none opposed. Motion passed.
- Joseph Antolin motioned for approval of the 16 remaining counties and judicial circuits in a unified motion up to the amount requested contingent on available funds, which was seconded by Brent Stratton. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed.

ARI staff suggested the board authorize the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee to make reductions as necessary, should action be required before the next ARIOB meeting scheduled for August 2015. Lindsey LaPointe noted that when cuts were required last year, ARI staff worked with the Fiscal and State Grant Unit (FSGU) at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) to make 10% cuts across all programs; however, it is possible for potential budget decreases to be based on other factors such as the number of prison-bound offenders sites pledge to divert or the number of ARI-eligible individuals counties are sending to prison, or other metrics. A future decision should be defensible and transparent. Co-chair Bassi called for a motion, which was provided by co-chair Gleckler and seconded by Joseph Antolin, on the condition that it be a time-limited authority until the next ARIOB meeting. All in favor, with the exception of Joseph Bruscato who abstained, and none opposed. Motion passed.

ARI staff requested the ARIOB approve a release of a SFY16 implementation Request for Proposals (RFP) for a nine-month grant period commencing in October, as well as up to \$150,000.00 for planning grants, contingent on available funding. Co-chair Bassi called for a motion to approve the SFY16 implementation RFP, contingent on available funding, which was provided by Joseph Bruscato and seconded by James Radcliffe. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed.

Co-chair Bassi called for a motion to approve planning grants for up to \$150,000.00, contingent on available funding. James Radcliffe motioned to approve the \$150,000.00 for planning grant funds, which was seconded by Kathy Saltmarsh. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed.

Review of performance measurement benchmarks

The Performance Measurement Committee chair Joseph Antolin provided an overview of the two committee meetings held since the last ARIOB meeting. He discussed the three sites on corrective action plans: Jersey and LaSalle counties, with CAPs initiated after not meeting their 25% reduction goals, and Cook HOPE, which began after questions arose regarding the prison-bound nature of their target population. Jersey and LaSalle counties are on track to exceed performance requirements, while ARI regularly communicates with Cook HOPE to help them meet their goals. It was noted that the Cook County Chief Judge forwarded ARI's letter on the CAP to the other judges, which is believed to have the potential to make a difference in referrals for the program. To help guide Cook HOPE program, ARI is monitoring their data monthly to help understand trends, which the committee will review and report to the ARIOB.

The committee has looked at various performance metrics to determine an appropriate proxy measure to understand success rates, but has found most metrics unreliable. At present, the committee recommends the requirement that sites have 66% of ARI enrollees be moderate- to high-risk (per the LSI-R) by June 2015, and 80% by June 2016. While this is more aggressive than evidence-based practices (which is 70% of participants be moderate- to high-risk), most sites are performing at this level and it helps ensure that Illinois is getting the most "bang for its buck" in ARI programs. It was emphasized that failing to meet these targets does not mean sites would lose funding, but rather, that it would signal ARI staff to work with that site to improve its results.

Patricia Hayden motioned to approve the risk assessment benchmarks, which was seconded by Joseph Bruscato. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business/New business

Lindsey LaPointe provided a few new business highlights:

- ARI is holding ongoing discussions with TASC about how to leverage the ACA in ARI, and is collaborating with them to produce a webinar which is expected to be released in July. ARI staff may start an ad-hoc working group to discuss the intersection of ACA and ARI.
- The ARI Policies and Procedures Manual is being finalized and should be complete by the August ARIOB meeting.
- The 2014 Annual Report is in progress and will be ready for the ARIOB, Governor, and General Assembly in the near future.

The next ARIOB meeting is scheduled for August 3rd.

Adjournment

Co-chair Gleckler motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Kathy Saltmarsh. All in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

(Approved 8/10/15)