

Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2013
1:30-3:30p.m.
JRTC 100 W. Randolph, Room 2-025, Chicago
Stratton Building, Room 617, 401 S. Spring, Springfield

Board members in attendance (CHI): Joe Antolin, Jack Cutrone, S.A. (Tony) Godinez, Grace Hong-Duffin (for Michelle Saddler), Tom Mahoney, Adam Monreal, Angelique Orr, Mike Pelletier, Brent Stratton
Board members in attendance (SPI): Samantha Gaddy (for Kathy Saltmarsh), Mike Torchia
Board members by phone: Joe Bruscato, James Radcliffe

Non-board members in attendance: Jordan Boulger, Damon Carroll, Julie Carroll, Mary Ann Dyar, Margie Groot, Sharrell Hibbler, Simeon Kim, Lindsey LaPointe, Richard Perdun, Nathan Steinfeld, Paula Wolff

Call to order/Roll call/Introductions

Director Tony Godinez called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. Mary Ann Dyar conducted a roll call, and it was determined there was quorum.

Mary Ann acknowledged the passing of Sean O'Brien, Deputy General Counsel at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), who was the legal advisor for Adult Redeploy Illinois, as well as chair of the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee and the Open Meetings Act officer. He was devoted to the effective implementation of ARI and was a major contributor to the program's strong development. Condolences expressed by ARIOB members were shared with his family. Jack Cutrone stated that the loss is devastating to ICJIA as Sean was loved and admired throughout the agency. Mary Ann introduced ARI's new legal advisor, Simeon Kim, who is Associate General Counsel at ICJIA and formerly served as an Assistant State's Attorney in several jurisdictions in Illinois.

Approval of minutes from September 16, 2013 meeting

Chief of Staff Grace Hong Duffin called for a review of the minutes from the September 16th special ARIOB meeting. Joe Antolin made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Jack Cutrone and passed.

Program Administrator/Committee reports

Director Godinez asked Mary Ann to deliver a program administrator report. Mary Ann reported that as the quarter ending on September 30, 2013, ARI has diverted a cumulative total of 1,089 offenders (successful completions and current enrollments) over the past 2 ½ years. As of September 30th, there were 15 ARI sites serving 947 individuals, 79 of which were newly enrolled during the quarter. There were 40 successful completions. There were also 38 commitments to IDOC, which is higher than usual. ARI staff is following up with Winnebago County, in particular, which reported 14 IDOC commitments in the quarter.

As new sites, the 4th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Lake County, and Peoria County are still ramping up their programs: completing paperwork, hiring staff, and establishing procedures. As of October 1st, additional sites will be coming on-board in the next month or so: Cook County ACT Court, Kane County, LaSalle County, and the Winnebago County mental health (Therapeutic Intervention Program, or TIP) court. It was noted that data were provided at ARIOB request on the Winnebago County TIP Court, including the service statistics and success rates of this established program. In addition, one planning grant has been awarded, to Grundy County to explore implementing a mental health court.

Since the September ARIOB meeting, the Performance Measurement and Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication committees have met. Staff has begun providing performance measurement data to the Governor's Budgeting For Results effort, and a great deal of planning grant outreach has been performed. Upcoming priorities include: a November 6th National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) webinar about the ARI experience of moving from federal "proof of concept" funds to state appropriations, with ICJIA

Executive Director Jack Cutrone; and the first meeting of the strategic planning advisory committee on November 12th to talk about bringing ARI to scale, with pro bono technical assistance provided by the NCJA. In addition, site visits are planned in Macon County (November 21-22) and the 9th Judicial Circuit (December 11-12).

Joe Antolin reported on the October 24th Performance Measurement Committee meeting, at which members discussed recent performance data, standardizing self-reported data from sites, and upgrading the ARI database to include behavioral health diagnoses and drug testing results. Additionally the group discussed “building out” the dashboard to include information helpful to management such as successful completions, new enrollments, etc. on a quarterly basis. The committee looked at data from the top 20 counties committing ARI-eligible individuals to IDOC. Joe Antolin also mentioned the need for ARI to look at the scale needed to have a meaningful impact on state savings.

Lindsey LaPointe provided an overview of the October 30th Outreach Technical Assistance & Communications meeting, where members discussed an ARI press release spearheaded by ICJIA Public Information Officer Cristin Evans that was submitted to the Governor’s press office for release. Editorial board strategies and timelines at both the local and state level were discussed, including natural points to highlight in ARI’s evolution, such as Annual Report Release, General Assembly budgeting session, and release of evaluation reports. Outreach strategies were discussed for the planning grant opportunity, with emphasis on the top 20 counties committing ARI-eligible individuals to IDOC, and for institutionalizing the provision of technical assistance to current sites. To this end, ARI staff has scheduled a training in January 2014 on the Correctional Program Checklist tool from the University of Cincinnati to monitor sites’ compliance with evidence-based principles.

Jersey County ARI presentation

Chief of Staff Hong Duffin introduced the Jersey County representatives: Richard Perdun, Chief Probation Officer; Damon Carroll, Drug Court Officer; and Julie Carroll, counselor from Practical Rehab Services. Jersey County was one of five first ARI pilot sites and received initial funds of \$207,800 to expand an existing drug court.

Richard Perdun provided an overview of the drug court for high-risk offenders that lasts a minimum of 15 months and integrates cognitive-behavioral therapy. The court began with ARI funds in May 2011 and has served 30 individuals where 10 have successfully completed (graduated) and 11 have unsuccessfully terminated, four sent to IDOC just last month. Demographic statistics on participants were provided, including age, gender, and marital/employment/education status. Program violations are generally for failed drug tests and missed treatment appointments. Fourteen were served in the previous quarter, and the highest quarterly census since ARI funding was 17. Before receiving ARI funding in 2011, Jersey County operated a limited drug court since October 2002. Since the beginning, 65 individuals have entered the program, 31 have successfully completed, and 22 have unsuccessfully terminated. Richard Perdun reported a success rate is 56% in the program and a reoffending rate of 39% with follow-up checks showing that 16 graduates had been rearrested. The program recognizes relapse is part of recovery and employs graduated sanctions.

The court’s goal is to protect society by reducing recidivism and assisting offenders to rebuild family lives and become productive citizens. The court does not allow violent offenders or individuals selling drugs. The court utilizes the Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R) assessment for risk and works with TASC on clinical assessments using the Texas Christian University (TCU) tool. Treatment consists of four phases of counseling, integrating cognitive behavioral therapy in the form of Thinking for a Change (T4C) and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT). Drug testing tracks 30 drugs, with K2 (synthetic marijuana) a big problem. The biggest challenge is participant attitudes encountered at enrollment and the need to break down the “us versus them” mentality. Planning for the new Drug Court Community Board is underway and the group will meet in early December with five members consisting of the vice president of the Jersey County Against

Drugs Coalition, a city police dispatcher, the County Clerk, a financial investor, and city Public Safety Officer/Fire Chief.

Damon Carroll provided more information on the program and an overview of the evidence-based T4C program within the drug court. Chairman Monreal asked if participants pay for their drug testing, and Damon Carroll noted that participants pay for their drug testing at the completion of the program. Angelique Orr asked what patterns emerge in individual success and failure. Establishing new social relationships outside of using drugs has been difficult for court participants, leading to a “zero tolerance” policy for socializing outside of drug court and requirements for AA and NA group attendance. Most current participants have jobs, which is a measure of progress. Employment and job readiness is a component of the program, and recently four participants were hired at the local pancake house.

Julie Carroll provided an overview of the evidence-based MRT program within the drug court. This is a new program component as of September 2013, and Julie recently traveled to Missouri for a four-day training. Julie is the licensed treatment provider contracted through Practical Rehab Services and she provides both group and individual counseling.

Mary Ann Dyar noted that six ARI sites are integrating evidence-based MRT programming. Jordan Boulger suggested that the development of community restorative boards (CRB) be linked to participants’ movement through MRT, such as occurs in Macon County. Since both MRT and the CRB are new in Jersey County, they are not linked, but Jersey will connect with Macon County ARI to explore this.

Discussion of ARI spending and approval of supplemental funding opportunity

Director Godinez called on Mary Ann to open a discussion on supplemental funding. ARI staff wants to establish a supplemental funding plan, much like last year, but with a more aggressive timeline to provide six months of spending to sites (January-June 2014). Sites will apply for funds in mid-December 2013. Supplemental funds are the result of under-spending by some sites, especially new sites that have include ramp-up periods to get paperwork in place, hire staff, etc. In addition, administrative spending is behind schedule due in part to delays in making ARI staff positions permanent. Also, not all planning grant funds may be spent. The approximately \$500,000 in proposed supplemental funds comes from both previously designated implementation dollars of \$300,000 and these areas of under-spending.

ARI staff proposes that the ARIOB authorize the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee and ARI staff to designate funds for supplemental funding in between quarterly ARIOB meetings. Last year ARI staff anticipated \$450,000 in supplemental funds, and this year ARI staff suggests \$500,000-\$600,000 as a total cap. ARI staff suggests the same four categories of supplemental funding (data/technology, direct service supplements, training, and evaluation).

Jack Cutrone asked about projected spending if no sites requested supplemental funding. Mary Ann noted site level spending is behind approximately \$300,000 and the administrative budget is behind approximately \$300,000, for a total of between \$500,000 and \$600,000. Jack Cutrone offered that it will be difficult it is to ask the General Assembly for more funds for SFY15 if the SFY14 funds are not spent. Jack Cutrone made a motion to authorize the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee and ARI staff to make supplemental funding decisions as outlined in the supplemental funding document provided in the meeting materials. Chairman Monreal seconded. All in favor and none opposed.

Discussion of target populations and target areas for ARI funding

Chief of Staff Hong Duffin opened a discussion on the target areas and target populations for outreach. ARI staff reported that, out of the top 10 counties committing ARI-eligible offenders to IDOC, ARI works with all but two, and all but eight out of top 20 counties. Approximately 75% of the Illinois population is in current ARI counties (including the entire 4th Judicial Circuit). ARI has balanced outreach efforts to both high population targets due to the impact they have on the IDOC population, and smaller, more rural

jurisdictions for equitable access across the state. Judge James Radcliffe reported on current and ongoing outreach discussions to bring on more sites, with focus on Adams, Bond, Champaign, Kankakee, Marion, Randolph, Rock Island, Stephenson, Vermillion, Whiteside, and Will counties.

Jack Cutrone made two suggestions regarding outreach: first, ask ICJIA grants staff to run a list of all ICJIA grants to counties that are not participating in ARI; and second, to create a fact sheet highlighting benefits to counties for outreach purposes, which could include quotes and testimonials from sites.

Chief of Staff Hong Duffin noted that Kankakee County has recently has pulled out of Department of Human Services programming since state funding was so slow. If approval from the Kankakee County Board is needed for a planning grant, it may be reluctant for this same reason.

Director Godinez noted he has a relationship with the State's Attorney in Will County, and that Jesse Reyes, for instance, could reach out to Probation Directors in target counties. Director Godinez noted that some jurisdictions may be missing potential target populations. The goal is to get planning sites ready for implementation grants in SFY15.

Chairman Adam Monreal suggested reaching out to state-level elected officials from target jurisdictions since this is about bringing more funding to their jurisdictions and increasing public safety. Joe Antolin noted a lack of ARI presence on the east side of Illinois and bringing on Vermillion would assist with this.

Old business/New business

Director Godinez asked for old business or new business. With feedback from the ARIOB that Monday afternoons generally work for scheduling, Mary Ann noted she will send around a 2014 meeting schedule.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Jack Cutrone, seconded by Chairman Monreal, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m. **(Approved 2/3/14)**