

**Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB) Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 10, 2014, 1:30-3:30p.m.  
Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Room 2-025, Chicago, IL 60601**

ARIOB board members present (CHI): Secretary Michelle Saddler, co-chair; Gladyse Taylor (for Director S.A. Godinez), co-chair; Joseph Antolin; Walter Boyd; Joseph Bruscato; Jim Chadd (for Michael Pelletier); Patricia Hayden; Thomas Mahoney; Angelique Orr; Matthew Sobieski (for Lavone Haywood); Nate Inglis Steinfeld (for Kathy Saltmarsh); Brent Stratton

ARIOB board members present (SPI): Judge James Radcliffe (Ret.)

Non-ARIOB participating: Laura Brookes, Lisa Castillo, Mary Ann Dyar, Steve Fabbri, Samantha Gaddy (SPI), Kelly Gallivan-Ilaraza, Rose Gray, Rebecca Janowitz, Simeon Kim, Lindsey LaPointe, Brian Mackey (with Illinois Issues/Public Radio - SPI), Gwen Maxwell, Mystik Miller, Mark Myrent, Bill Nee, Mark Powers, Cindy Puent, Jessica Reichert, Greg Reyes, Pam Rodriguez, Risa Sacomani, Rebecca Skorek, Sara Wasserteil

Non-ARIOB by phone: Judge Thomas Sumner (Ret.), Bill Pfalzgraf

**Call to Order / Roll Call / Introductions**

Secretary Michelle Saddler called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m. Mary Ann Dyar called roll, and it was determined there was quorum. Following technical difficulties, Springfield joined via videoconference at 1:51 p.m.

**Approval of the minutes of August 4, 2014 regular meeting and edited minutes from May 19, 2014 meeting**

Assistant Director Gladyse Taylor requested that members review the minutes from the previous August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, as well as revised minutes from the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Joe Antolin motioned to approve both sets of minutes, which was seconded by Angelique Orr. All in favor, none opposed, minutes approved.

**Program director report/Committee reports**

Secretary Saddler asked Mary Ann Dyar to provide the Program Director report on the last quarter. Mary Ann noted the change in her title from Program Administrator to Program Director. She shared the following highlights from the past quarter:

- ARI served 1,155 people in the third quarter, according to self-reported figures from sites. Based on the database pull, which includes case-level data on those who engage with the program, 1,217 people were served; ICJIA researchers are looking into the discrepancy. Of those served, 37 went to IDOC, giving ARI a diversion figure of 1,180 clients that were compliant with or completed the program. Cumulatively, nearly 1,900 were diverted from prison through the program. Total cost savings resulting from ARI is nearly \$42 million, with \$5 million saved last quarter alone.
- Because ARI didn't bring on any new sites, staff focused on ensuring that current sites are serving the correct target population, and are implementing evidence-based interventions with fidelity to the model. ARI staff conducted a site visit to LaSalle County which missed its 25% reduction goal by one individual and is working on a corrective action plan to address issues that led to shortfall. ARI also held a meeting with the Cook County HOPE program stakeholders to discuss results from a target population analysis funded through a recent planning grant. The Cook HOPE final planning grant report was included in the packet.
- On October 14<sup>th</sup>, ARI staff provided testimony in front of the Joint Criminal Justice Reform Committee, a bipartisan, bicameral committee which is reviewing sentencing legislation and the efficiency and effectiveness of how the criminal justice works. The full testimony is included in the ARIOB packet. In September, committee members visited the DuPage County ARI program.

- ARI presented to the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC), which is looking at community capacity issues related to diverting offenders from prison. ARI surveyed sites on their capacity concerns and shared the results with SPAC.
- The ARI database won a national award through the Justice Research and Statistics Association. Rebecca Skorek and Mark Powers were acknowledged for their contributions.
- Mary Ann was invited to attend the Justice Reinvestment National Summit, November 17-19<sup>th</sup>. There are 22 states (not including Illinois) that receive justice reinvestment funding.
- ARI staff will conduct a site visit to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit November 17-19<sup>th</sup>. ARI funds a circuit-wide drug court program. Of 12 counties, 11 have drug courts; staff will visit three.
- Sara Wasserteil from the Harris School of Public Policy began as an intern to work on a policies and procedures manual. Cindy Puent is working as a ICJIA grant monitor dedicated to ARI.

### **Presentation by Lake County Adult Redeploy Illinois program**

Assistant Director Taylor introduced representatives from the Lake County ARI program to provide a brief presentation to the Oversight Board: Rose Gray, Director of Probation; Steve Fabbri, Assistant Director of Probation; and Bill Nee, recovery coach supervisor from Haymarket. Lake County has been an ARI site since October 2013 and received a \$224,294 grant for FY15.

Steve Fabbri gave an overview of Lake County's specialty courts: drug court, mental health court and veteran's court, established in 2005, 2007, and 2011, respectively. He reported on the target population for each court, services provided, and graduation rates.

Rose Gray reported on how ARI grant funds are used in Lake County (after the expiration of a federal grant) in three areas:

- (1) Recovery coach program, which is part of the specialty court program.
- (2) Residential treatment slots (14) for high-risk probationers.
- (3) Recovery home services as part of continuum of care to prevent relapse.

Bill Nee described the role of the recovery coach in assisting clients to follow their recovery plans addressing recovery from alcohol/drug use, living/financial independence, employment/education, relationships/social support, medical health, leisure/recreation, independence from legal problems/institutions, and mental wellness/spirituality. Recovery coaches help enhance client participation in group therapy, with job searches, etc.

Director Gray reported that Lake County will be initiating an alumni group to follow up with graduates for a 24-30 month period, and provide mentorship and opportunities to give back to the community. The probation department has also recently been approved for Medicaid billing for intensive outpatient and outpatient treatment, although they are unsure how much of ARI-covered costs (for residential treatment) will be eligible for reimbursement under Medicaid. In addition, Lake County is starting an opiate initiative, which will enable probation officers to administer drugs to inhibit overdoses.

Assistant Director Fabbri talked about starting evidence-based Recovery Management Check-ins, whereby recovery coaches contact graduates at certain intervals (30, 90, 180, 270, 365 days) and ask questions along six domains (housing, family/social status, health status, substance use, financial/occupational stability, and criminal activities) to determine if additional intervention is needed to prevent relapse. Check-ins would be in addition to the recovery plan. In total, clients will be tracked for four years and supported in their recovery.

Director Gray and Assistant Director Fabbri discussed challenges with slow referrals in the drug court, which in part is due to restrictions in the statute for more than one chance at drug court. Efforts are

underway to increase referrals. There are also challenges in meeting the needs of young offenders who may not be ready for drug court. Mary Ann noted that changes to the drug court statute are currently being discussed by advocates and legislators.

### **Discussion of corrective action plan policy and vote on corrective action plans received from sites**

Assistant Director Taylor noted that, at the August ARIOB meeting, the Performance Measurement Committee was authorized to verify numbers for two sites (Jersey and LaSalle counties) at risk of not meeting reduction goals and report back to the Oversight Board. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the corrective action plan language approved by the ARIOB in August 2011 for Cook County is applicable to all sites. Such language is included in all grant agreements.

Committee chair Joe Antolin reported that ARI initiated a corrective action plan (CAP) with Jersey County in order to prevent them from missing its reduction goal and worked with them to successfully avoid a penalty. In the case of LaSalle County, which fell short of its SFY14 reduction goal by one, ARI staff is working with stakeholders to develop a CAP to remediate the problems that led to the shortfall. ARI staff conducted a site visit to LaSalle County and was informed that the enrollment was affected by a precipitous drop in the ARI-eligible population in 2014, which has been verified by the data.

According to the corrective action plan process, the ARIOB can exact a penalty of up to half the marginal cost of incarceration (estimated at \$2,500) for each number short of the reduction goal – in LaSalle’s case this would be \$2,500. The Performance Measurement Committee discussed the reimbursement provision for LaSalle including options to (1) assess the penalty of \$2,500; (2) assess the penalty but, instead of payment, have the funds reallocated in the budget towards technical assistance to help them address the issue (as has been done in the juvenile Redeploy Illinois program); or (3) assess the penalty but waive it based on mitigating circumstances. The committee’s recommendation was to waive the fee in light of the declining pool of eligible offenders cited above, but require the implementation of a CAP. Joe acknowledged LaSalle’s efforts in producing a strong CAP. Bill Pfalzgraf, Director of Court Services for the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, which includes LaSalle County, reported by phone that the ARI site visit was helpful in reviewing issues, and referrals have increased according to the proposed CAP. Joe Antolin motioned for approval to accept the committee’s recommendation, which was seconded by Judge Radcliffe. All in favor, none opposed, fee waived.

Joe also reported that the committee is working with the Cook County HOPE program to ensure the program is serving a high-risk, prison-bound target population, even though the site is having no trouble exceeding its reduction goals. It was noted that the committee is exploring expanding the corrective action plan policy to include performance measures other than the reduction goal (e.g., serving appropriate target population and using evidence-based practices), as well as looking at thresholds for mitigating circumstances. This policy will be reported to the full Oversight Board in the future.

### **Review of RFP responses and approval of fund recommendations (contingent upon funding)**

Angelique Orr, chair of the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee, reported on committee activities at its October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, which included reviewing the Cook HOPE final planning grant report and corrective action with Jersey and LaSalle counties. The committee also reviewed responses from former planning grantees to a Request For Proposal (RFP) posted in September for six-month implementation grants (January-June 2015), should additional funds become available. In case of supplemental funding in the veto session or the identification of other additional funds, ARI staff wants to be ready to activate these potential new sites and demonstrate the initiative’s capacity to expand.

The committee provided the following funding recommendations:

- Grundy County, Mental Health Court –\$51,380 (6 months)

- Contingent upon recalculation and clarification of target population, ensuring that reduction goals were sufficient, and service goals used the most recent data
- Kankakee County, Intensive Probation Supervision – \$89,237 (6 months)
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- Will County, Problem Solving Court Enhancement and ARI Docket – \$151,522 (6 months)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Behavioral Health Docket – \$67,031 (6 months)
  - Contingent upon showing specific steps demonstrating that the target population is prison-bound and is in-line with ARI legislation.

It was confirmed that these amounts would be annualized for the upcoming fiscal year, and that the ARIOB had previously reviewed all of the local plans on which these requests are based. It was noted that Grundy’s relatively high (but still cost-effective) cost per person served is consistent with other rural programs. Judge Radcliffe motioned for approval of the committee’s funding recommendations pending subsequent funding, which was seconded by Joe Bruscato. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion passed.

**Discussion of ARI spending and approval of supplemental funding and planning grant opportunities (contingent upon funding)**

Assistant Director Taylor noted that if supplemental funding becomes available, it is requested that the ARIOB approve funding to restore cuts to existing sites. Joe Antolin moved to approve, Nate Inglis Steinfeld seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed. (No vote on planning grants.)

**New Business**

Assistant Director Taylor called for any old business or new business. Mary Ann confirmed with the Oversight Board that the quarterly meeting schedule of the first Mondays of February, May, August, and November works.

Lindsey LaPointe reminded members of the deadline to complete the annual ethics training by the end of December. If the training has been completed for another board or commission in 2014, members need to provide a copy of the completion certificate to ICJIA General Counsel, Lisa Stephens.

**Adjournment**

Assistant Director Taylor called for a motion to adjourn. Angelique Orr motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Joe Antolin. All in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

**(Approved 2/2/15)**