

**Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB) Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2107, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Thompson Center, Room 2-025, 100 W. Randolph, Chicago
Stratton Building, Room 621, 401 S. Spring, Springfield**

ARIOB members present (CHI): Joseph Bruscato, Lavone Haywood, Walter Boyd, Emily Cole, Craig Findley, Lavone Haywood, Khari Hunt (for Secretary Dimas), Mark Ishaug, John Maki, Michael Pelletier, Lori Roper (for Amy Campanelli), Kathy Starkovich (for Patricia Hayden), Gladyse Taylor (for Director Baldwin)

ARIOB members present (SPI): Judge James Radcliffe (Ret.), Kathy Saltmarsh, Mike Torchia

ARIOB members absent: Angelique Orr, Brent Stratton

Others in attendance: Megan Alderden, Lisa Castillo, Kim Chorney, Caitlin DeLong, Mary Ann Dyar, Sharlyn Grace, Randy Kurtz, Amanda Hwu, Lindsey LaPointe, Katie Pieper, Aditi Singh, Nate Inglis Steinfeld, Judge Thomas Sumner (phone), Angie Weis

Call to order/Roll Call/Introductions

Chief Khari Hunt called to order at 1:35 p.m. Mary Ann performed roll call and it was determined there was quorum.

Dr. Lynne Mock was introduced as the new ARI research manager, from ICJIA's Research & Analysis (R&A) Unit. Lynne worked as a Research Analyst at ICJIA for the past two years prior to taking this position. She has a doctorate in clinical, social and community psychology. Mary Ann noted how valuable Lynne's background in mental health will be for the program. Randy Kurtz and Mark Ishaug both expressed support for Lynne, having worked previously with her in other capacities.

It was also noted that there is a new Cook County State's Attorney, Kim Foxx, with a position on the ARIOB. She was represented by Emily Cole, who has served as the designee from the office for about a year. Emily is also a member of the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee.

Members were informed that after four years, Winnebago County State's Attorney Joseph Bruscato was stepping down from the Oversight Board in part due to new duties as chair of the Board of Governors for the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor. The new designee from the Illinois States Attorneys Association is McLean County State's Attorney Jason Chambers.

Mary Ann read into the record an acknowledgement of Joe Bruscato's impact on ARI:

Recently, Winnebago State's Attorney Joe Bruscato took on the very important and demanding role of chair of the Board of Governors for the Office of the Illinois State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and therefore he is stepping down from the ARI Oversight Board. We are extremely grateful for all that Joe has done to help institutionalize the program over the last four years. He has always seen a great potential in this program and the great potential of our sites and the network that we have, which is evident in his conceptualization of our annual all-sites meeting as the All-Sites Summit. He has provided wise counsel and energetic support, particularly as an active member of the Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication Committee. It is appropriate that Joe is transitioning off the Oversight Board at the same time that we are recommitting ourselves to a bold path forward, which Joe always had in his sights and provided staff immeasurable guidance toward. Thank you, State's Attorney Bruscato!

Chief Hunt shared the goals for the meeting:

1. Provide an update on the status of ARI in SFY17 using stopgap funds;
2. Vote on a site corrective action plan process (Cook HOPE);
3. Discuss resource needs in order to meet strategic planning goals;
4. Plan for SFY18 and approve a Notice of Funding Opportunity for renewal implementation grants;
5. Hear about the community involvement toolkit project.

Approval of minutes of November 14, 2016 regular ARIOB meeting

Assistant Director Gladyse Taylor called for approval of the minutes from the November 14, 2016 regular ARIOB meeting. Upon a motion by John Maki, seconded by Craig Findley, the minutes were approved.

Program director report

Mary Ann referred to the written program director report in the meeting materials before handing it over to Lynne who gave a brief presentation on ARI data. In the latest quarter (October-December 2016), 1,257 people were served, including 168 new enrollments and 169 exits. Of the exits, 41% were successful and 46% were unsuccessful, of which 62% (48) were committed to the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC).

Lynne suggested her presentation was designed to generate questions and find out what the ARIOB felt was important. There are 6 ½ years-worth of site data for ARI which is a lot of information to process to learn about the program. Working with ICJIA research director Megan Alderden, Lynne is conducting an “audit” to determine what ARI data exist, the quality, and what data may be missing that would be needed for evaluation purposes. Data were arranged according to fiscal year and by different program type (drug, mental health, intensive supervision probation with services, and enhanced probation) for the analysis. She shared high-level statistics on enrollments and exits by program type, noting similarities and differences. For example, generally there were declines in participation at sites between 2015 and 2016 with the exception of the enhanced probation programs and the DuPage site. The proportion of successful and unsuccessful exits varied by program type, with more unsuccessful exits in drug and mental health programs (with generally higher need clients). The number of exits sent to IDOC also varied by program type, higher in drug and enhanced probation programs. Follow-up questions included: Why were there declines in some sites and not others – related to funding (particularly the state budget impasse) and/or program capacity? What are the underlying reasons for unsuccessful exits not sent to IDOC? What explains the outcome differences in the probation programs?

Mark Ishaug questioned how special staff skills in the drug and mental health programs might affect outcomes. Emily Cole noted that different sites use different definitions for “unsuccessful” and that it would be helpful to build consistency. Kathy Starkovich further said that definitions of what is unsuccessful changed over time within the program. John Maki asked how to account for the year affected by the state budget impasse compared with preceding and following years. Lindsey noted that ARI staff documented changes at the site level during the impasse likely to affect outcomes.

ARIOB committee reports

Lindsey reported on the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee, which met on December 21, 2016 to review and approve a second round of planning grants for Cook, 4th Judicial Circuit, 7th Judicial Circuit (including Sangamon), and 20th Judicial Circuit. Proposed planning grant activities involved looking at the new veterans court mandate and circuit-wide expansion to rural counties. Overall, the SFY17 planning grants would effectively increase ARI coverage to 10 more counties, from the current 39, which is significant. The committee also discussed the restart of comprehensive site visits by ARI staff, to Boone, Lake and Peoria counties.

Kathy Saltmarsh, chair of the Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication Committee, gave a report on the February 9th committee meeting which included a discussion of possible SFY18 budget scenarios, technical assistance and training provided to sites, and the return of the annual All-Sites Summit in mid-May. She reported that a bill (HB3905) has been filed by Representative Juliana Stratton to expand ARI eligibility. The bill needs to be amended to reflect site and ARIOB intentions. She encouraged ARIOB members to follow progress with the bill and slip in support at the appropriate time. Mark Ishaug asked if there was a fiscal note attached to HB3905, but Kathy suggested it would be difficult to estimate any additional cost not knowing how sites might respond to expanded eligibility. She underscored the need for additional program staffing to support sites' implementation of evidence-based practices (EBPs).

Nate Inglis Steinfeld gave the report on the Performance Measurement Committee, which met February 15th primarily to discuss a second corrective action plan (CAP) for the Cook HOPE program. The first CAP, successfully completed in June 2016, was to ensure an appropriate prison-bound target population. This CAP would address concerns with fidelity to EBPs indicated in part by inconsistency in the use of sanctions. The lack of an updated written policies and procedures manual and staff training plan were issues raised by Cook HOPE staff in reporting to the program and should be addressed in any CAP. Nate referenced the performance measurement matrix included in the materials and previously approved by the ARIOB to track sites' alignment with ARI standards in its enabling legislation, the Crime Reduction Act. Mark Ishaug asked about evidence whether a successful CAP leads to better outcomes, and Megan Alderden noted complications in determining that at this time.

Upon a motion by John Maki, seconded by Mark Ishaug, the Performance Measurement Committee was authorized to develop and negotiate a second CAP with Cook HOPE. All in favor, none opposed with abstentions from Emily Cole, Lori Roper and Lavone Haywood. Motion passed.

Review of 2015-2020 Strategic Plan

Mary Ann gave a brief presentation on the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan, and asked that the ARIOB recommit to its goals and objectives. She said the staff met to discuss the strategic plan and still believes it provides the right direction and vision. Progress over the past year or so under the plan has been hampered by a lack of adequate staffing resources, to monitor sites and provide technical assistance, and analyze performance measurement data in a way to sustain the program at the local and state levels.

At the start of the strategic planning process, the advisory committee stressed the strong Redeploy Illinois brand, the need for penetration across the state and having a meaningful impact on the prison population. The plan consists of five goals:

1. ARI will reduce recidivism for program participants.
2. ARI programs will be data-driven, evidence-based, and results-oriented.
3. ARI will foster a strong community corrections system through access to expanded human services that target criminogenic needs.
4. ARI will support community-led justice efforts consistent with ARI principles.
5. ARI will develop and maintain adequate resources for optimum program operation and performance.

Mary Ann described ARI as more than a grant program, also providing technical assistance and performance measurement. Priorities established for the program are growing staff, strengthening strategic partnerships within and outside of ICJIA, expanding eligibility, aligning with the state's new problem-solving court standards, conducting an outcome evaluation, and supporting the development of criminal justice coordinating councils.

Mark Ishuag expressed his support for all of these efforts and asked what ARIOB members could do. Mary Ann and Lindsey noted that members' active promotion of ARI is important from their positions of power, and this was intended to arm them with useful information. Lindsey suggested including strategic plan progress as a standing item on ARIOB meeting agendas in order to keep focus on what staff and the ARIOB can be doing. There was a discussion about structural barriers in state government to hiring and operating effectively which ARI has run up against now that it is more established, and that ARI is reaching a "tipping point" in terms of having the necessary resources to meet program expectations. ARI staff stated they would continue to raise these issues and concerns, and search for solutions.

Discussion of SFY18 planning

Lindsey referenced the SFY18 renewal funding process timeline in the meeting materials. Sites will be required to become compliant with the Grants Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). As part of the GATA process, ARI expects to release a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) open to jurisdictions that have either completed and/or implemented an ARI local plan. For context, she noted that the Governor's recently released SFY18 proposed budget contained an appropriation level up to \$10.2 million of which up to \$2 million would be any carry-over from SFY17, which was expected to be minimal. While not at all final, staff used \$8.2 million in its budget scenario for renewal funding.

Upon a motion by Joseph Bruscato, seconded by John Maki, members voted to release a NOFO for SFY18 renewal implementation grants.

Presentation on Community Involvement Toolkit

Lindsey introduced Amanda Hwu, a graduate student at the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration, who worked on a part-time contract to develop the community involvement toolkit. The purpose of the toolkit is to recognize the innovative work at different ARI sites around the state to engage community (including family members and loved ones) in a client's rehabilitation and community reintegration, and to offer lessons learned and a how-to on replicating these best practices. Creation of the toolkit involved site visits and interviews which resulted in program spotlights. The 70-page toolkit is in final stages of editing and is to be rolled out officially at the All-Sites Summit. Members asked that the PowerPoint presentation on the toolkit be circulated after the meeting.

Old business/New business

State's Attorney Bruscato offered parting comments on his experience on the Oversight Board, noting that his work with ARI aligned with a desire to explore ways to improve the criminal justice system. He said that he would be available to provide continued support even as he takes on the new position with the Board of Governors and works with ICJIA on different projects.

Mary Ann announced that ARI staff were attending the first ARI graduation in Will County the following day, February 22nd.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by John Maki, seconded by Lavone Haywood, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. All in favor, none opposed.

(Approved 5/15/17)