

Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board Meeting
Monday, August 6, 2012
1:30-3:30p.m.
JRTC, 100 w Randolph Street, Room 2-025, Chicago
IDOC, 1301 Concordia Court, ISU Building Lab Room, Springfield

Board members in attendance (Chicago): Joe Antolin, Angelique Orr Gordon, Patricia Hayden, Mike Hood, Thomas Mahoney, Jesus Reyes, Michelle Saddler, Lisa Stephens (for Jack Cutrone), Gladyse Taylor (for S.A. Godinez)

Board members in attendance via videoconference (Springfield): Judge James Radcliffe (Ret.), Michael Torchia, Ken Tupy (for Adam Monreal)

Non-Board members in attendance (Chicago): Alan Alderman, Brianna Baker-Carvell, Jordan Boulger, Rebecca Campbell, Mike Carter, William Davis, Mary Ann Dyar, Margie Groot, Cynthia Hora, Rebecca Janowitz, Mark Kammerer, Lindsey LaPointe, Ange Lee, Mark Myrent, Sean O'Brien, Daynia Sanchez-Bass, Scott Shipplett, Peggy Tuszinski, Paula Wolff

Call to order/Roll call/Introductions

Secretary Saddler called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., and it was determined there was quorum.

Approval of the minutes of May 7, 2012 meeting

Assistant Director Taylor called for a vote to approve the minutes from the last ARIOB meeting. Jesus Reyes made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Angelique Orr Gordon, and the minutes were approved.

Report from Program Administrator

Mary Ann Dyar provided a brief report on the activities in the ARI program. A written report was included in the meeting materials.

- Thanks to the efforts of ICJIA Director (and ARIOB member) Jack Cutrone, \$2 million in FY13 state general revenue grant funding was secured to support the program once federal funding expires (which was to be in February 2013, but has been extended to September 2013). These funds are in the ICJIA agency budget. The importance of this is not only so that the program can be sustained but also so that the fiscal connection is forged between state corrections savings and local "justice reinvestment" through Adult Redeploy Illinois. Secretary Saddler underscored the significance of being able to secure this appropriation in the current fiscal crisis.
- As of June 2012, sites reported enrolling **683 IDOC-bound, non-violent offenders in their Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) programs**. This represents **\$11 million in potential corrections savings**. These numbers exceed the initial goals set by the sites of diverting 394 non-violent offenders by the end of 2012. Mary Ann noted a change in the calculation of Winnebago's number, which now includes all of those enrolled in their drug court (not just new enrollees), all of whom receive ARI services.
- Joe Antolin asked for clarification on how diversion goals are counted: by those successfully graduated and/or those currently enrolled. Mary Ann stated that current enrollment figures are used along with successful discharges. Joe suggested a longitudinal analysis, to identify predictors of success in the program over time. This will be referred to the Performance Measurement Committee for discussion.
- Secretary Saddler asked about how technical violations are handled at the sites, and Mary Ann noted that these are measured as sanctions and reported as part of the data analysis in the bullet points provided. Pat Hayden found the bullet points helpful in assessing sites' progress.
- Mary Ann has made national and statewide presentations about Adult Redeploy Illinois recently, which has resulted in the development of a standard PowerPoint presentation that can be tailored for different audiences. This was a recommendation of the Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication Committee.
- Mary Ann, Judge Radcliffe and Judge Sumner (who both provide technical assistance to ARI) will be presenting at the September 21st meeting of the Conference of Chief Judges.

Committee reports

Assistant Director Taylor introduced members to provide ARIOB committee reports:

- Mary Ann reported that the Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication Committee met in July, reviewed a draft outreach plan and endorsed its development and implementation. The outreach plan, in addition to outlining a communication strategy, is intended to guide the development of strategic relationships with other entities with overlapping goals.
- Joe Antolin reported that the Performance Measurement Committee met in June and decided on a multi-pronged process by which to measure sites' progress toward their 25% reduction goals. We would like to have more members on this committee.
- Angelique Orr reported that the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee met twice (in June and August) to review site visit monitoring materials and the new RFP. There was a discussion about how sites are behind in their spending and what is being done to correct that. They also reviewed the planning grant reports submitted by Sangamon County and the 9th Judicial Circuit.

Discussion of planning grant reports – Sangamon County and 9th Judicial Circuit

Angelique Orr reported on the planning grant reports. Sangamon County and the 9th Judicial Circuit received planning grants for the period April 1-June 30, 2012. They both submitted reports on their planning grant processes (summaries were included in the meeting materials). Sangamon County looked at improving assessments and dealing with court-involved people with mental illness. The 9th Judicial Circuit is planning a circuit-wide expansion of drug court. The Site Selection & Monitoring Committee determined that both of the sites need to do more work on their local plans before they are ready to be approved by the Oversight Board. ARI staff will continue to work with each site to develop their program ideas. Mike Torchia reported that Sangamon County has no more meetings planned to discuss ARI.

Discussion of FY13 grant process and timeline – Approval of RFP Release

Mary Ann gave a report on plans for the disbursement of GRF dollars. The initial request for GRF funds included an amount needed to extend the existing ten pilot sites beyond the expiration of federal funding. However, as previously noted, sites are behind in their spending, which means that more of the GRF appropriation is available to add new sites (approximately \$1.5 million). These funds must be expended by June 30, 2013. Given this short timeframe, staff is targeting existing programs, such as specialty courts, that can begin using expansion funds right away without the need for a ramp-up period. It is anticipated that 4-5 new sites could be funded. Secretary Saddler asked the Oversight Board if they knew of existing specialty courts, for example, that could be contacted about the RFP. Pat Hayden said that DuPage County's specialty courts are already grant funded.

An RFP has been drafted by modifying previous RFPs that used federal funding. This will be broadly circulated to all counties, even as staff will attempt to target certain counties. The notice will be mailed to chief judges, county board presidents, state's attorneys, and public defenders. It will be posted on the ARI and ICJIA web sites, and it will also go out via ICJIA's CJ Dispatch. In addition, Mary Ann will promote the RFP at the Illinois Specialty Courts Conference, September 12th and 13th. The RFP will be released August 17th with a proposed deadline of September 28th.

There was a discussion about how competitive the RFP is expected to be. Mary Ann noted that it will require a lot of marketing because participation in the program requires more than accepting a check; there are reporting requirements and engagement in different ways in technical assistance. Jesus Reyes suggested contacting specialty courts administrators in each county. Margie Groot offered to provide information on probation departments operating specialty courts.

Secretary Saddler asked for a motion to approve the proposed timeline for the RFP. Upon a motion by Joe Antolin, seconded by Tom Mahoney, the timeline was approved.

Presentation by Fulton and Knox County Adult Redeploy Illinois program

Secretary Saddler will introduced Judge Scott Shipplett who runs the Knox County Drug Court, and Judge William Davis who runs the Fulton County Drug Court. Also in attendance are Peggy Tuszinski, Program Director for 9th Judicial Circuit Court Services; Alan Alderman, ARI probation officer for the Knox County Drug Court; and Ange Lee, Program Administrator for both programs.

Fulton and Knox counties are both a part of the 9th Judicial Circuit. Stakeholders are currently in the process of developing a circuit-wide ARI proposal with a standardized drug court model incorporating best practices and lessons learned in Knox and Fulton.

Ange Lee reported that Knox County received ARI funding to expand its existing drug court from serving 8 to 16 to 24. They currently have 22 participants and accept participants from Warren and Henderson counties as well. They hired a dedicated drug court officer, established a separate treatment track, and enhanced evidence-based practices around cognitive behavioral therapy, incentives, and family engagement and support. The biggest challenge has been implementing the workforce component due to a non-working partnership. This will be adjusted going forward. Judge Shipplett described the hiring of a dedicated drug court attorney who helps participants deal with legal barriers to their success (e.g., child custody issues). He stated that ARI funding has signaled to the criminal justice stakeholders that there is a “new frame of thinking” to avoid incarceration when it is not appropriate from a public safety or fiscal standpoint. He noted that more people are buying into the idea, and he is grateful for the funds and technology provided through ARI that allow them to do things they could not do before for the target population. Angelique Orr commended Judge Shipplett and his team on their good use of the funds in a holistic approach to treating offenders.

Judge Davis reported that Fulton County received a \$106,490 grant to establish a brand new drug court, starting in October 2011. After a slow start, they now have 8 people in their drug court, towards their reduction goal of diverting 8 drug court-eligible offenders from IDOC. He stated that the goals of the program go beyond reducing the number of non-violent offenders going to prison; the program is also designed to improve participants’ lives and encourage them to be productive members of society. He described the phases of the program and the use of retired police officers to assist in monitoring compliance. He said that the sheriff was negative about the program at first, but is now quite supportive. Judge Davis noted the challenges with being a small, rural county, and he mentioned the lack of psychiatric services as one of the biggest concerns. The Fulton County program will be adding group cognitive behavioral therapy and is learning as it goes along.

Tom Mahoney asked how much more the drug court programs could grow with additional resources and staffing. Judge Davis estimated being able to serve 12 in total. Judge Shipplett said it depends on a lot of factors, but as many as 40 more could be brought into the program. Current capacity is 24. Ange Lee noted that the circuit-wide proposal that is being developed would serve a total of 51 participants.

From a probation officer’s perspective, Alan Alderman said it is gratifying to see the positive changes in participants. Joe Antolin asked how the stakeholders in the drug courts view relapse, and Judge Shipplett noted that the team is aware of the recovery process, and uses graduated sanctions for relapses instead of revoking them to prison. He described the use of various sanctions (other than jail time) and incentives (such as bus passes). Jesus Reyes noted the counties’ use of Thinking for a Change, with which Cook County has a lot of experience. He offered any technical assistance that would be helpful.

Secretary Saddler asked for additional details about the plan for circuit-wide expansion, and Ange Lee described the process of bringing McDonough County on-board with its drug court. Ultimately the goal is to get all three of the programs (Knox, Fulton and McDonough) aligned in the circuit-wide model.

Approval of administrative costs

ARI staff is requesting that the Oversight Board approve administrative costs for the program up to 10% of the general revenue fund appropriation. This percentage is consistent with federal grant limits for administrative costs and ICJIA standards. By establishing a percentage, ARI staff has more flexibility to spend according to the

emerging priorities of the program. Upon a motion by Joe Antolin, seconded by Mike Hood, administrative costs of up to 10% of the annual appropriation were approved for the program.

Old business/New business

Mary Ann reported on her meeting with AOIC Director Tardy and Margie Groot, head of probation services, to discuss ARIOB participation, on July 3rd. Director Tardy is consulting with the Supreme Court about the appropriateness of voting membership on ARIOB. They did pledge to work in coordination and share information.

Mary Ann also reminded members to complete training on the Open Meetings Act. The deadline to complete the training, accessible through the Attorney General's web site, is 12/31/12.

Judge Radcliffe thanked Judge Shipplett and Judge Davis and the team for making time to attend the meeting. He commented on Judge Shipplett's point about the scope of Adult Redeploy Illinois and how there is broader economic benefit from rehabilitating drug court participants than just reduced corrections costs. When a person is restored to productivity, families and communities benefit as well. It is difficult, though, to quantify all of these benefits.

Adjournment

Jesus Reyes made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Angelique Orr. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

(Approved 10/15/12)