

Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Special Oversight Board Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2012
1:00-3:00p.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, Walter Boyd, Joe Bruscato, Jack Cutrone, Patricia Hayden, Mike Hood, Thomas Mahoney, Angelique Orr, Michelle Saddler, Deborah White (for A.C. Cunningham)

Board members in attendance via videoconference (Springfield): Kathy Saltmarsh, Ken Tupy (for Adam Monreal)

Non-Board members in attendance (Chicago): Rebecca Campbell, Mary Ann Dyar, Margie Groot, Rebecca Janowitz, Lindsey LaPointe, Mark Myrent, Sean O'Brien, Daynia Sanchez-Bass, Paula Wolff

Call to order/Roll call/Introductions

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

Approval of minutes from August 6, 2012 regular meeting

Director Godinez called for a vote to approve the minutes from the last ARIOB meeting. Mike Hood made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Angelique Orr, and the minutes were approved.

Report from the Program Administrator

Secretary Saddler asked Mary Ann to report on activities in the program from the last quarter, including the latest enrollment numbers from the ten pilot sites towards their reduction goals.

Mary Ann noted that there has continued to be an increase in enrollment, and now 749 non-violent offenders have been diverted by the 10 sites, representing potential corrections savings of \$12.1 million. The "dashboard" will be updated for the November ARIOB meeting with this information. Two sites (Macon and Winnebago) had their data analyzed toward their reduction goals, and both have exceeded their goals. This fall, site visits were conducted with Madison, McLean, Winnebago and Cook. ARIOB member Kathy Saltmarsh attended the McLean County site visit. Now all 10 sites have been visited.

Mary Ann has been doing outreach through conferences and presentations, including at the National Criminal Justice Association's national forum (through the efforts of Jack Cutrone and ICJIA) and the Conference of Chief Judges (through the efforts of Judge Jim Radcliffe [Ret]).

At Secretary Saddler's request, ARIOB member Walter Boyd reported on the October 10th "Robert B. Wilcox Symposium on Criminal Justice" sponsored by Protestants for the Common Good. The symposium highlighted model programs across the county providing alternatives to incarceration at different points in the system. Seattle's LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) program offers pre-booking diversion with specially trained police linking offenders instead with needed community services (drug treatment, housing). District Attorney John Chisholm discussed Milwaukee's pre-conviction diversion program, Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD). Macon County's Adult Redeploy Illinois program was featured as a model for post-conviction diversion featuring the Community Restorative Board component. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle offered opening remarks, and Secretary Saddler facilitated a wrap-up and next steps discussion at the close of the symposium. The event was attended by 260 people.

Approval of new sites

Director Godinez asked Mary Ann and Sean O'Brien, chair of the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee, to report on the Committee's recent meeting to review responses to the recent RFP.

Mary Ann reported that a Request for Proposals was issued in mid-August for the GRF dollars (to be spent by June 30, 2013) to bring on new sites. The RFP opportunity was promoted with letters to all chief judges and county board chairs. We received three responses to the RFP, two of which are on the agenda. This was a lower response rate than desired, and ways to increase participation are discussed in the next section.

Sean provided an overview of the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee's review of the proposals and the funding recommendations that the committee prepared.

First, Crawford County:

- Request for \$76,402.60. They want to expand their drug court from current capacity of 8 to serve 12-14. Of this amount, \$27,218.20 is for drug testing equipment. Other funds are to hire a counselor, purchase drug testing supplies, and offer rewards/incentives as part of their drug court model.
- Crawford County is a very small, rural county. It is part of the 2nd Judicial Circuit, which is comprised of 12 counties in the southeastern part of the state.
- We are also in conversations with the Chief Judge of the 2nd Judicial Circuit for future ARI funding for a circuit wide model.
- The 2nd Judicial Circuit Court had previously been awarded a planning grant.
- We will need to work with them to refine their reduction goal (perhaps suggesting including neighboring counties) and certain aspects of their budget.

Jack Cutrone asked about the drug testing machine, which will offer immediate results and improve program efficiency. Mary Ann noted that Crawford County has demonstrated a strong community component. The cost per person diverted is around \$6,200 after taking out the equipment cost. On a motion by Walter Boyd, seconded by Jack Cutrone, the recommendation was passed to fund Crawford County with a grant up to \$76,403 on the condition that the reduction goal is set at six.

Second, McDonough County:

- Request for \$73,743.00 to establish a new drug court serving 8 participants. Funds are to hire a part-time drug court compliance officer (to work with probation), set up a separate treatment track (at McDonough Hospital), contract with a drug court attorney, and provide program administration and training.
- McDonough County is part of the 9th Judicial Circuit, which includes two other ARI sites: Knox and Fulton. The 9th Judicial Circuit is working toward a circuitwide drug court model starting next fiscal year. Until then, the proposal is to fund a third key county in the circuit to get their drug court established, using principles from Knox and Fulton, prior to going circuitwide.
- We need to work with them to leverage the other grants in the circuit for program administration. Knox County currently has significant unspent funds in their budget. It is suggested that Knox County fund the proposal as part of the effort to go circuitwide, which would be more efficient and decrease administrative tasks on McDonough County. Also, this could serve as model where one county would serve as the coordinating county and all funds would pass through a single county.

Kathy Saltmarsh asked whether this arrangement was alright with Knox County. Mary Ann said that it seemed premature (before the Board vote) to discuss this with Knox County, but that it is in keeping with the overall goals set by Knox, Fulton and McDonough Counties to work toward a circuitwide drug court model for the 9th Judicial Circuit, so she does not anticipate problems.

On a motion by Jack Cutrone, seconded by Angelique Orr, the recommendation was passed to fund McDonough County up to \$70,000 out of the existing Knox County grant with the condition that Knox County can "recoup" up to \$70,000 in supplemental funding if necessary.

Grant periods are from 11/1/12-6/30/13. Mary Ann noted that the third proposal, received from Cook County, was tabled by the Committee pending negotiations with the applicant. This proposal has a proposed start date of March 1, 2013, allowing time for these conversations.

Approval of planning grant process

Mary Ann suggested that the low response rate to the RFP was due in part to the need for interested jurisdictions to first go through a planning process. Five additional counties expressed interest in planning grants. Staff proposed that the Oversight Board approve setting aside an amount of money (suggested: \$200,000) to provide planning grants of up to \$30,000 for up to 120 days on a rolling basis. Local plans would be due by April 30, 2013 for review by the Oversight Board. The grants would be using state or unexpended federal funds, whichever is more applicable.

Jack Cutrone made the motion that up to \$200,000 be made available in planning grants to potential new sites. The motion was seconded by Angelique Orr and passed.

Approval of site renewal/extension grants

Secretary Saddler called on Mary Ann to present the requests for renewal/extension grants from two of the pilot sites which have nearly expended their grants.

In addition to new sites, two 10 pilot sites are ready to renew/extend their grants with new dollars, through June 30, 2013. Both of these sites have submitted their requests using forms approved by ICJIA, with the amount of their request and the purposes for which the funds will be used.

Macon County is requesting up to \$233,166.50 for the period November 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. They are continuing their successful program. Based on ICJIA analysis of their program data, Macon County met and slightly exceeded its ambitious 25% reduction goal of 94 by diverting 98 people from IDOC during the pilot phase. Grant dollars will be used to extend program and add elements such as a part-time public defender position and a CRB video for training purposes.

Winnebago County is requesting up to \$159,362.00 for the period December 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. They are continuing their enhanced drug court program. Based on ICJIA analysis of their program data, Winnebago County has exceeded its 25% reduction goal of 37 by diverting 104 people into its drug court, for a total currently enrolled of 253. Grant dollars will be used to extend the program and add staff training.

In a unified motion made by Angelique Orr and seconded by Joe Antolin, renewal/extension grants for Macon (for \$233,267) and Winnebago (for \$159,362) were approved. Joe Bruscatto abstained.

Old business/New business

Director Godinez asked if there was any old business or new business. Mary Ann noted that the next regular ARIOB meeting is scheduled in three weeks, November 5th, the day before Election Day. The proposal is to move the meeting to Monday, November 26th if the meeting location can be secured for that date. A confirmation will follow.

At the next ARIOB meeting, Mary Ann suggested having a facilitated discussion, in light of enabling legislation and lessons learned from the pilot phase, about the most effective ways for ARI to get involved and invest in system enhancements. Secretary Saddler suggested taking into account information from the PCG summit on alternatives to incarceration, and Jack Cutrone recommended working with the new Illinois Center on Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice, which is funded by ICJIA and IDHS.

Mary Ann reminded members to complete their Open Meetings Act online training by December 31, 2012. If the training has been completed for another Board, members can forward a copy of the completion certificate.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Jack Cutrone, seconded by Angelique Orr, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

(Approved with revisions 12/3/12)