

Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board Special Meeting
Friday, December 17, 2010
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
JRTC 100 W. Randolph, Room 9-040, Chicago
IDOC 1301 Concordia Court, ISU Building Lab Room, Springfield

Board members in attendance (Chicago): Walter Boyd, Jack Cutrone, Grace Hong Duffin (proxy for Michelle Saddler, also present), Angelique Orr Gordon, Tim McGavin (proxy for Rob Vickery), Adam Monreal, Jesse Reyes, Vicki Rogers, and Kathy Saltmarsh.

Board members in attendance via videoconference (Springfield): Gladyse Taylor

Non-Board members in attendance: Brianna Baker-Carvell, Lindsay Bostwick, Jordan Boulger, Lisa Braude, Mary Ann Dyar, Cory Foster (Springfield), Simeon Kim, Anthony Jenkins, Sean O'Brien, Jennifer Rozhon, Eileen Subak, Sara Sullivan, and Christine Devitt Westley.

Non-Board members present via conference call: Steve Karr

Call to order/Roll call/Introductions

Grace Hong Duffin called the meeting order 1:15 p.m. Brianna Baker-Carvell called roll for the meeting, and it was determined that quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Approval of the minutes of October 21, 2010 regular meeting and November 12, 2010 special meeting

Jack Cutrone made the motion to approve the October 12th regular meeting notes, as well as the November 12th special meeting notes, and Vicki Rogers seconded. Motion approved.

Brief status updates from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board committees

- 1.) Site Selection & Monitoring – Mary Ann Dyar reported that a team of 8 reviewers read and scored each of the 5 proposals and met on December 6th to come up with the funding recommendations that are before the ARIOB.
- 2.) Outreach, T.A. & Communication – Mike Hood updated the group on the draft of the annual report to the Governor and General Assembly (due December 31st) which details progress made by the ARIOB according to its 9 mandated responsibilities in the Crime Reduction Act. The final report will be distributed along with personalized letters to the Act's sponsors.
- 3.) Performance Measurement – Lisa Braude noted that the committee discussed via a December 15th conference call a draft set of performance measurements based on the legislation. They settled on a broad policy level set of performance measurements, which will be circulated when finalized to the ARIOB.

Approval of pilot site implementation grants

Director Taylor told the group that \$1.3 million to fund the proposed five pilot sites, which would divert a total of 165 offenders (a prison wing houses 112), leading to \$1.6 million in marginal costs avoided. The proposals create a total of 6 full time jobs and 5 part-time positions, which is an important performance measure for the ARRA (stimulus) grant currently funding the program.

Director Taylor noted that these diversion figures are based on the minimum 25% reduction goal, and that the juvenile Redeploy Illinois pilot sites actually achieved a 51% reduction goal on average. Director Cutrone agreed that the ARIOB can anticipate additional savings as a result of more people being successful.

DuPage County

The DuPage County proposal is to create specialized probation caseloads of 30 offenders, which is a best practice. Grace Hong Duffin stated that DuPage County could divert more, given the size of their target population. Joe Antolin asked if they think we will surpass this number, and the DuPage representative (Tim McGavin) said yes. Mary Ann noted that the proposal was for \$380,000, but the recommendation is to fund it at \$350,000 because the research part of the proposal was outside the realm of an implementation grant process and should be deferred to another planning grant process, should there be one.

Director Cutrone talked about the additional costs – over and above IDOC’s marginal costs – that can be saved through these pilot sites, including costs to victims and communities. These should be taken into account when looking at the cost-effectiveness and impact of the different proposals. In addition, we can hope and expect that the pilot sites exceed their reduction goals, as is the case in the juvenile program.

Director Cutrone motioned to approve DuPage County’s implementation grant of \$350,000, and Joe Antolin seconded. Tim McGavin (proxy for Rob Vickery) abstained. Motion approved.

Jersey County

Jersey County’s proposal is to expand their county drug court. Jack Cutrone motioned to approve Jersey County’s implementation grant of \$187,500, and Walter Boyd seconded. Motion approved.

Macon County

Macon County’s proposal to enhance probation services is strong and seeks to serve the entire ARI-eligible population and reduce it by at least 25%. Theirs was the highest scoring proposal in the review process, and they have also made it known that they would be interested in applying for additional funds should they be made available. Jack Cutrone motioned to approve Macon County’s implementation grant of \$250,000, and Angelique Orr Gordon seconded. Motion approved.

St. Clair County

Grace Hong Duffin gave a brief overview of St. Clair County’s proposal to create a mental health docket. Director Cutrone motioned to approve St. Clair County’s implementation grant for \$250,000, and Joe Antolin seconded. Motion approved.

Knox County

Jack Cutrone expressed his concern about the cost-effectiveness of Knox County’s proposal, a concern shared by other members of the ARIOB. The substance of the local plan is good, and it was approved by the ARIOB at the November meeting. They have a very small target population and a comprehensive model that is staff-intensive. An option for making the proposal more cost-effective would be to increase the diversion percentage goal on the target population (75% vs. 25%), but the group decided against this. Other options include increasing the target population (number served and therefore the number diverted), reducing costs (e.g., staffing), or a combination of both. Mary Ann noted that Knox County earlier responded to staff concerns about cost-effectiveness, and they defended their model. They stated they expect to divert more people, and eventually go circuit wide.

The recommendation was that staff should go back to Knox County, discuss the concerns with cost-effectiveness and explore modifications to the plan that would either increase the number of people served/diverted, reduce the costs or a combination of both.

Joe Antolin motioned to table Knox County's implementation grant for consideration after further negotiations, and this was seconded by Vicki Rogers. Motion approved.

2011 Meeting Schedule

It was determined that the proposed next meeting dates conflicted with too many board members calendars, and new dates will be sent out shortly.

Adjourn

Jack Cutrone motioned to adjourn the meeting around 3:00 p.m., and it was seconded by Kathy Saltmarsh. Meeting adjourned.

(Approved 2/7/11)