

Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board Meeting
Thursday, September 16, 2010
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
JRTC 100 W. Randolph, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Chicago

Board members present (Chicago): Joe Antolin, Walter Boyd, Jack Cutrone, Grace Hong Duffin, Thomas Mahoney, Adam Monreal, Michael Pelletier, Jesus Reyes, Vicki Rogers, Kathy Saltmarsh, Gladyse Taylor, Robert Vickery

Board members in attendance via videoconference (Springfield): Michael Torchia

Board members absent: Angelique Orr Gordon, Michael Hood, James Radcliffe, Brian Towne

Non-Board members in attendance: Brianna Baker-Carvell, Pete Baroni, Lindsay Bostwick, Jordan Boulger, Lisa Braude, Christine Devitt-Westly, Mary Ann Dyar, Margaret Egan, David Eldridge, Sharyn Elman, Steve Karr, Simeon Kim, Rick Krause, Mark Myrent, Mark Pradun, Jean Salon, Sara Sullivan, Andrew Tessman, Kathy Ward, Paula Wolff

Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., and the roll call was taken. It was determined that there was a quorum.

Approval of the minutes of July 15, 2010 meeting

Upon a motion by Gladyse Taylor, seconded by Robert Vickery, the minutes from the July 15th meeting were approved.

Update on the Planning Grant Sites

Mary Ann Dyar presented the Oversight Board with an update on the planning grant sites. The first round of planning grants, funded with the FY10 GRF dollars, went to 8 jurisdictions covering 19 counties for planning over the 90-day period 4/1/10-6/30/10. Their draft local plans were due on August 30th. The second round of planning grants, funded with ARRA dollars, went to 3 jurisdictions/counties for a planning period of 7/15/10-10/15/10.

Mary Ann mentioned that the GRF funding for the first round planning grantees has not yet been received, which is a concern for the program. Co-Chair Gladyse Taylor stated that the Comptroller's Office has the vouchers processed and approved, and they gave assurance that they will fully process them as soon as funding is available, which could be in the next two weeks.

Of those receiving planning grants, some jurisdictions have indicated that they do not intend to apply for pilot site implementation funds for various reasons. Mary Ann will be working with the T.A. providers to hold meetings/conference calls with those groups.

Three more counties (DuPage, McLean, and St. Clair) are submitting during the 7/15-10/15/10 planning stage. All local plans are due in from the planning grantees by the 11/19 RFP deadline so that the applicants will be reviewed at the same time when making the funding decisions. Jurisdictions that did not go through the planning grant process can also apply for implementation funding.

Mary Ann referred to a chart that lists the planning grant sites, the amounts of their planning grants and projected numbers for those diverted and possible cost savings based on the required 25% reduction in ARI-eligible commitments to IDOC. Actual savings may be more or less depending on the number served and reduction achieved. It was noted that the juvenile Redeploy Illinois sites achieved a 51% reduction in prison commitments, exceeding their 25% reduction goal.

There was an extensive discussion about what is meant by a non-violent offender. The Crime Reduction Act excludes violent offenders from the program as defined in subsection (c) of Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Chairman Monreal asked whether the determination is based on the current offense or whether it takes criminal history into account. Essentially this is up to the local jurisdiction. Lisa Braude said that many counties are using existing statutory non-violent drug court and mental health courts for diversions.

Based on similar inquiries by planning grant sites, Director Cutrone reported that ICJIA prepared a legal opinion based on the CRA statute and its reference to "eligible non-violent offenders." The opinion states that the term "eligible" in front of non-violent offenders forms the basis for local jurisdictions to define subset(s) from the non-violent offender population

where they will target their ARI interventions and base their reduction goal. The ability to focus on a subset of a larger population could strongly affect counties' willingness to participate. This is different from eligibility in the juvenile Redeploy Illinois program.

Joe Antolin noted that we need to be mindful of equal protections statutes when defining subsets, so as to avoid discrimination. Director Cutrone moved to adopt the legal opinion that it is up to counties to define which non-violent offenders they are going to define eligible. The motion was seconded by Joe Antolin, and it passed unanimously.

The group also discussed establishing the 12-month timeframe for performance measurement (i.e., achieving a 25% reduction) during the 18-month grant period. One option, based on experience with the juvenile program, allows for a six-month startup and measurement from July 1, 2011- June 30, 2012. Co-Chair Grace Hong Duffin questioned why a six-month startup period is needed and suggested the Oversight Board determine that later, after reviewing the plans. It will be important to have data on the success of the program in time to make a case for state FY13 funding, after the ARRA funds are expended. Mary Ann said that she is planning on monthly data collection that will provide information on a rolling basis. The issue was tabled until a later meeting.

Presentation by Planning Grant Site-DuPage County

Robert Vickery presented to the Oversight Board on the planning process for DuPage County. DuPage officially began their startup on Tuesday (9/14/10) because they had to wait for county board approval and legal approval, leaving a month for the planning process. They are going to have a series of stakeholders' meetings, and employ Orbis Partners as a consultant to perform data analysis. Data will be collected from probation records and compared to the information provided by ICJIA on the Adult Redeploy Illinois web site. This information will be used to define a target population and identify the services needed for this population.

Update on the Status of the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board Committees

1.) Site Selection & Monitoring Committee- Walter Boyd reported on the August 3rd committee meeting at which the scoring system and proposal review schedule was finalized. He noted the group's discussion around defining the ARI-eligible population. The group debated how to evaluate different jurisdictions' proposals when they are serving different client numbers and segments in their areas. ICJIA staff are working on developing a cost-effectiveness measure that would complement individual reviewers' judgment regarding the overall quality of the plan.

2.) Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication Committee- Sara Sullivan provided an update from the committee's August 23rd meeting at which the group discussed required annual reporting to the Governor and the General Assembly, as well as external communications with other stakeholders. The annual report is due December 31st and will focus on the planning grant process and efforts to develop an infrastructure (staffing, funding, policies and procedures) for the program. A suggested public communication strategy would start with the sponsors of the Crime Reduction Act, whom IDOC will contact. Mary Ann noted that the committee also reviewed the information available on the Adult Redeploy Illinois web site, which she demonstrated briefly for the Oversight Board.

3.) Performance Measurement Committee- Lisa Braude stated that this committee has not met yet, but they hope to meet early in October. For ARRA purposes, the number of jobs created or retained due to the grant must be measured. In addition, other performance measures are likely to look at changes in probation caseloads, treatment participation and completion rates, stakeholder involvement, potential cost offsets, etc. She hopes the data they collect will inform the long-term program evaluation that ICJIA is conducting. Lisa noted that the committee could use a fiscal person.

Discussion of Key Program Indicators

(The indicators of program eligibility and performance measurement timeframe were discussed earlier.)

Conclusion

Co-chair Hong Duffin told that group that the December 2nd meeting has been moved to December 9th to allow enough time to review the proposals and make funding recommendations for a vote. Director Cutrone moved to adjourn the meeting, and Co-Chair Hong Duffin seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

(Approved 10/21/10)