

Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2011
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

JRTC, 100 W. Randolph Street, Room 2-025, Chicago
IDOC, 1301 Concordia Court, Conkle Hall, Springfield

Board members in attendance (Chicago): Walter Boyd, Jack Cutrone, Grace Hong Duffin (for Michelle Saddler), Thomas Mahoney, Adam Monreal, Michael Pelletier, Robert Vickery
Board members in attendance via videoconference (Springfield): Kathy Saltmarsh, Gladyse Taylor, Michael Torchia

Board members via phone: Joe Antolin, James Radcliffe

Board members absent: Angelique Orr Gordon, Michael Hood, Jesus Reyes, Vicki Rogers, Brian Towne

Non-Board members in attendance: Brianna Baker-Carvell, Lindsay Bostwick, Jordan Boulger, Lisa Braude, Mary Ann Dyar, Cory Foster (Springfield), Steve Karr, Simeon Kim, Rick Krause, Mark Myrent, Carolyn Ross, Jennifer Rozhon, Eileen Subak, Sara Sullivan, Christine Devitt Westley

Welcome and Introductions

Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board co-chair IDOC Acting Director Gladyse Taylor welcomed the group. Brianna Baker-Carvell performed roll call. Quorum was met and the meeting opened.

Approval of the minutes of December 17, 2010 regular meeting minutes

Director Cutrone motioned to approve the December 17, 2010 regular meeting minutes, and Walter Boyd seconded. The minutes were approved.

Report from the Program Administrator

Adult Redeploy Illinois Program Administrator Mary Ann Dyar provided a progress report. The Adult Redeploy Illinois web site now includes all of the Oversight Board information – list of members, meeting notices and minutes of past meetings, as well as the Annual Report submitted in December. The report includes information on the four pilot sites approved at the December meeting; if Knox County is approved as the fifth pilot site at this meeting, the Annual Report should probably be amended to reflect that.

In response to concerns from St. Clair County about the wording of the penalty provision in the grant agreement, the language in the boilerplate contract for Adult Redeploy Illinois pilot sites was modified in consultation with the Technical Assistance providers (Judge Sumner and Judge Radcliffe) and ICJIA legal staff. St. Clair felt the language “shall be assessed a penalty” was too open and allowed too much exposure. Language was added that “the Oversight Board will set the amount of the penalty at \$2,500 maximum” and that the amount of the penalty is at the discretion of the Oversight Board following extensive negotiations with the pilot site, and taking into consideration factors affecting the failure to meet the goal including those outside of the control of the jurisdiction.

Mary Ann reported that an All-Sites Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9th in Bloomington, Illinois, and 30-35 people from the five initial pilot sites are expected to attend. The purpose is to go over reporting requirements, answer questions and build a support network among the sites. Mary Ann also talked about the likelihood of a national conference in Chicago involving states implementing “performance incentive funding” programs like Adult Redeploy Illinois. The conference would be funded by outside sources (e.g., Pew, Bureau of Justice Assistance).

Approval of pilot site implementation grant

Based on suggestions from the Oversight Board to increase the cost-effectiveness of their proposal, Knox County expanded their proposed pool of participants and increased access to evidence-based practices to a total of 59 people, with the goal to divert 16 people (27%). In addition to their drug court model, they are providing job training, cognitive behavioral therapy and other support services.

Grace Hong Duffin asked for a motion to approve Knox County’s implementation grant for \$250,000. Director Cutrone motioned to approve, Chairman Monreal seconded. The motioned was approved.

The Oversight Board was also asked to vote on a change in the amount of Jersey County’s grant award from \$187,500 to \$207,800. The first figure did not include benefits for the probation officer. The initial funding recommendation from the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee in November had been for up to \$225,000, and the proposed increased amount is within that range. Director Cutrone motioned to approve, and Chairman Monreal seconded. Motion approved.

Mary Ann informed the Oversight Board that DuPage County has had to modify their baseline number. The original number of 84 eligible participants in the Adult Redeploy Illinois subset has been reduced to 70 by eliminating double counts. DuPage County proposes to keep the original reduction goal of 21 people, a 30% reduction (not the 25% requirement). Director Cutrone and Grace Hong Duffin did not feel a vote was needed on this issue.

Approval of second-round RFP process

Acting Director Taylor reported that Adult Redeploy Illinois has \$2.2 million remaining of its federal ARRA JAG funds to grant to local jurisdictions. Mary Ann suggested a second RFP process to bring on additional pilot sites. Director Cutrone stressed the importance of spending down the grant in a timely fashion to ensure it is fully used for the program. Monies not spent must be returned to ICJIA to be repurposed elsewhere. ICJIA will need to know months ahead of time of unspent funds. Director Cutrone also noted that there are restrictions with this money.

It was recommended that a second-round RFP be released as soon as possible, ideally within 30 days. The deadline would probably be in late-April, with the start date for the 18-month grant period of July 1, 2011. There are already three prospective applicants based on ongoing outreach. Cory Foster mentioned that in order for Adult Redeploy Illinois to be effective and sustainable, it is important to get Cook County on board. The group discussed prospects with Cook County. Director Cutrone motioned to approve a second-round RFP for implementation grants to be released within 30 days. Acting Director Taylor seconded, and the motion was approved.

Presentation on Justice Reinvestment Initiative

Director Cutrone presented on the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). The Bureau of Justice Assistance and Pew are offering technical assistance and funding to states to develop data-driven strategies to reduce prison spending and reinvest the savings in evidence-based programs – a goal that is in line with the principles of Adult Redeploy Illinois. Typically, JRI projects include studying drivers of the prison population, mapping justice system involvement, and designing reform policies and legislation.

On behalf of the state of Illinois, ICJIA and IDOC applied for Phase I technical assistance. Hopefully this will then lead to Phase II funding (approximately \$300,000). Localities can also apply, and there is interest from Cook County.

Meeting schedule for 2011

Acting Director Taylor presented the proposed 2011 quarterly meeting schedule for approval by the Oversight Board. Mike Torchia moved to approve the 2011 meeting schedule, which was seconded by Kathy Saltmarsh and approved by the rest of the members. The meeting schedule will be posted on the Adult Redeploy Illinois web site.

Old business/new business

- ICJIA is working with the initial pilot sites to define performance measures and evaluation plans customized to each site's program model.
- Adult Redeploy Illinois was mentioned in an Associated Press article quoting Director Cutrone around the release of Illinois' Disproportionate Justice Impact Study.

Adjournment

Director Cutrone motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Walter Boyd seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

(Approved 6/9/11)