

**Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board
Performance Measurement Committee Meeting
Friday, August 7, 2015
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**At the following public site:
ICJIA, 300 W. Adams Street, 2nd Floor – Large Conference Room, Chicago**

ARIOB board members present: Jordan Boulger (for Lavone Haywood), Nate Steinfeld (for Kathy Saltmarsh)

ARIOB by phone: Kathy Starkovich (for Patricia Hayden)

Non-ARIOB present: Megan Alderden, Chris Devitt, Mary Ann Dyar, Lindsey LaPointe, Robbie Minton

Welcome and introductions

Lindsey LaPointe opened the meeting at 2:10p.m. After a roll-call, it was determined there was not a quorum. It was determined the meeting would go on for discussion purposes, and no votes would occur.

Approval of previous meeting minutes – March 31, 2015 and May 8, 2015.

Due to a lack of quorum, the review and approval of previous meeting minutes were tabled to a future meeting with quorum.

Review of site data

Quarterly data

Lindsey LaPointe opened the discussion on quarterly data collected from the sites, highlighting that several sites specifically mentioned the challenges of operating programs within the current fiscal uncertainty. It was also noted that the number of successful exits in the past quarter is approximately twice the number at the same time last year, which is an indication of the maturity of the programs, where many have been operating for enough months to yield actual graduates.

Discussion items included:

- Measuring the “spillover” effect of ARI programs and principles on the larger court system and how to measure the impact of the effect on recidivism.
- Distinguishing between the data points of number screened for ARI programs vs. number enrolled and what that tells us and how technical assistance could be provided.

Verification of SFY15 reduction goals

Mary Ann Dyar referred to a document verified by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) Research and Analysis Department, highlighting that all but one site met or exceeded their reduction goals in SFY15 goal.

Follow-up items included:

- Kankakee County did not meet their goal due to a lack of full implementation. Lindsey provided background on the situation in Kankakee, including the fact that they had a

short six-month grant in SFY15 and that their ability to implement in that short timeframe was complicated by hiring difficulties, county fiscal problems and the “chilling” effect of the Governor’s Executive Order halting some state-funded services.

- Sangamon County just met its reduction goal. ARI staff noted that the reduction goal is greater than their service capacity, which presents challenges. ARI staff will follow-up.
- It was noted that missing the goal, barely making the goal, or far exceeding the goal all raise red flags about an appropriate target population calculation.

Due to a lack of quorum, the committee was unable to formulate recommendations on action with Kankakee as it relates to their failure to meet their SFY15 reduction goal and any impact on SFY16 renewal funding (which has already been approved by the ARIOB at its May meeting). Nate Steinfeld and ARI staff noted that the Kankakee County situation is appropriate to being to the full board. Kankakee will be invited to call into the August 10th ARIOB meeting as the board looks at the issue of Kankakee’s implementation in SFY15 and SFY16.

Action items: Present information on Kankakee to ARIOB on August 10th; revisit calculation of Sangamon ARI’s target population and reduction goal.

Update on corrective action plans

ARI staff noted that two sites are currently under corrective action plans (CAPs).

- LaSalle County has been under a CAP since October 2014 due to concerns with it meeting its SFY15 reduction goal. LaSalle has subsequently met its SFY15 reduction goal. LaSalle’s CAP and reporting requirements end in September.
- Cook HOPE is under a CAP related to aligning program enrollments with the high risk, prison-bound target population of ARI. Cook HOPE is under a revised CAP, finalized in late May 2015, and is on probationary funding for six months with the need for demonstrated progress on their CAP for funding to go beyond December 31, 2015.

The committee discussed the CAP progress report received on July 15th, noting the next one is due on August 15th and a site visit will occur in mid-September. Thus far the progress report shows that the process for screening, enrollment and eligibility has changed. Jordan Boulger noted that the engagement of the Chief Judge has been critical to these changes. Nate Steinfeld inquired about verifying that the process for acceptance decisions has changed and Lindsey noted the site visit will be important to determine this, along with an anonymous stakeholder survey.

Nate Steinfeld offered that the CAP progress report shows that there is still work to be done, noting that enrollment of high-risk clients in the program has not yet met the 50% benchmark in the CAP, reported at 31% in the June progress report.

Action items: ARI staff will conduct a site visit to Cook HOPE, collect another progress report, and prepare an update for the committee’s next meeting.

Discussion of Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) commitment data

Due to a lack of time, this item was tabled until the next meeting. ARI did note however that the packet provided in the materials outlines IDOC commitments over the past few years of ARI-

eligible individuals for the counties that have been implementing ARI for several years. In the near future, this committee will be asked to review this data, offer feedback, and discuss the various factors that contribute to a county's IDOC commitments. Recent media coverage states that the IDOC population is starting to decline. The question of how much ARI has contributed to this decline is unknown and likely varies by county. Gathering local stakeholder perspectives will be important.

There was a discussion about the ARI-eligible IDOC commitment data, which does not differentiate between commitments from probation violations or from new offenses. In ARI sites that work with probation violators, it is difficult to use these data to establish and assess reduction goals.

Action items: Continue this discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Old business/new business

Megan Alderden provided an update on the implementation evaluations of the first ten ARI pilot sites. Research and analysis staff met with ARI staff to discuss potential changes to the report formats and what could be done differently with the data. To make the reports more useful and meaningful, data will be analyzed by program model (e.g., intensive probation supervision with services). The research staff is recommending this new format for the evaluation reports and will likely be moving forward with this new format. Megan Alderden also offered that her review of these process evaluations highlighted that the data could be analyzed and presented for various policy purposes and utilized and leveraged at the local county level. Kathy Starkovich noted that this new analysis and presentation idea would be very beneficial for sites.

Adjournment

Mary Ann Dyar asked for any other old business or new business and there was none. The meeting was ended at 4:15p.m., no vote required.

(Approved 9/23/15)