

**Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board  
Performance Measurement Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

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

ARIOB board members present: Jordan Boulger (for Lavonne Haywood), Walter Boyd, Nate Steinfeld (for Kathy Saltmarsh), Christine Devitt Westley (for John Maki)

Non-ARIOB present: Reshma Desai, Mary Ann Dyar, Rebecca Frale, Roger Franklin, Cindy Puent, Lindsey LaPointe

Non-ARIOB by phone: William Emanuel (Kane County), Thomas Sumner

**Welcome and introductions**

Lindsey LaPointe opened the meeting at 9:39 a.m. After a roll-call, it was determined there was a quorum.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Committee members reviewed the minutes from three previous meetings: March 31<sup>st</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>. Walter Boyd motioned to approve the March 31<sup>st</sup> minutes, and Nate Steinfeld seconded. All in favor, none opposed, minutes approved. Jordan Boulger motioned to approve the May 8<sup>th</sup> minutes, and Nate Steinfeld seconded. All in favor, none opposed, minutes approved. Jordan Boulger motioned to approve the August 7<sup>th</sup> minutes, and Walter Boyd seconded. All in favor, none opposed, minutes approved.

**Impact of SFY16 budget on performance measurement**

Mary Ann Dyar opened the discussion on the impact of the lack of SFY16 budget on the sites, specifically as it relates to possible performance measurement issues. ARI staff has collected information from the sites on three occasions via phone and e-mail. To continue operations until a sufficient state budget is passed and expenses can be reimbursed (back to July 1<sup>st</sup>), some sites are asking county boards to “front” county funds for ARI programs. Other sites are working with Chief Judges to access court fees that will later be reimbursed. After almost three months into the budget crisis, these temporary local funds are running out. Staff layoffs are scheduled at a couple of sites, and some sites have stopped accepting referrals and new enrollments. Some sites report scaling back programming that may affect fidelity to evidence-based practices (EBPs) in assessments, probation contacts, drug testing, treatment, and relapse prevention. There is concern about not only the short-term but the long-term impact of the budget crisis. Additional information will be gathered via the sites’ quarterly data reports due October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Ann Dyar asked for this committee’s assistance in assessing and communicating the impact of the budget crisis and reviewing possible modifications to ARI performance goals. For example, reduction goals may have to be modified due to lower enrollments. The group discussed sites’ contractual performance obligations in light of having not yet received funding. The committee noted that decisions to potentially modify reduction goals will need to be made on a case-by-case basis, contingent on the extent to which sites decreased spending and programming due to the lack of a budget.

Nate Steinfeld noted that the Performance Measurement Committee should play a key role in determining site-level accountability (e.g., analyzing timelines and contractual goals) for met or missed goals. Chris Devitt Westley noted that other counties that are potential ARI sites in the future may be watching how this is handled to see if ARI is feasible for them in the future. Mary Ann Dyar noted that the budget crisis may be an impetus for some counties to diversify their funding. The committee noted that the ARI

network brings other benefits besides funding such as training, technical assistance, and providing ARI a voice in the policy arena.

**Action items:** ARI staff will work with sites to document the impact of the budget on performance measurement goals. Information will be shared at next committee meeting to prepare a recommendation or update to the ARIOB.

#### **Update and discussion on Cook County HOPE corrective action plan (CAP)**

Lindsey LaPointe provided the background and timeline on the Cook HOPE CAP which relates to the need for the program to serve a more high-risk, prison-bound population. The committee looked at CAP progress data from two reports (covering June and July 2015), as well as feedback from a September 17<sup>th</sup> site visit conducted by ARI staff and a Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC) representative, Mystik Miller. Lindsey LaPointe re-capped the site visit which included observation of a staffing and court call. The team described the new decision making process for program intake and shared team knowledge about how LSI-R risk scores are used. Recent program changes include accepting people with Class 2 felonies, a case-by-case consideration of maintaining people in the program who commit a felony while in the program, the consideration of people with domestic battery and DUIs in their backgrounds, and new pathways into the program outside of probation violations. The Assistant Public Defender noted that there is interest in the program from other defense attorneys working in the court system. The program agency, the Justice Advisory Council (JAC), noted to ARI staff upon inquiry that the program is making changes to serve the appropriate target population.

While Cook HOPE has not yet hit the benchmarks in the CAP, they have until December 31<sup>st</sup>. The group acknowledged that policy changes occurred at a high level and the subsequent operational changes take time. Committee members re-emphasized the positive aspects of the program and that the question is on whether the program is a good fit for ARI funds. There is strong evidence that the stakeholders are committed to meeting the CAP goals.

**Action items:** ARI staff will present updated data at the next Performance Measurement Committee meeting and continue to work with the site on their CAP.

#### **Update and discussion on Kankakee County**

Mary Ann Dyar began the conversation on Kankakee County, noting that this committee will have to make a recommendation to the ARIOB in advance of the November 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting. Background was provided on the site's failure to meet the SFY15 reduction goal due to an inability to implement the program (intensive probation supervision with services), including hiring staff, within the short six-month grant period. At the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the ARIOB directed this committee to gather information on the site's readiness, commitment and capacity to implement ARI, including county fiscal capacity.

ARI staff and Nate Steinfeld of SPAC met with stakeholders in Kankakee on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and received strong assurances of the local commitment to implement ARI and evidence-based practices. Kankakee plans to begin working with ARI-eligible cases with other staff. Nate Steinfeld noted that substance abuse treatment is lacking in the ARI program plan; however, local stakeholders stated that the treatment capacity is adequate with other funds. The committee will further discuss Kankakee ARI at the October meeting and provide a recommendation for SFY15 and SFY16 to the ARIOB.

**Action items:** This committee will vote on a recommendation to the ARIOB at the October committee meeting regarding action on Kankakee ARI.

#### **Review of Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) commitment data**

Due to lack of time, the topic was tabled to a subsequent meeting.

**Old business/new business**

William Emanuel asked questions about the status of the budget and ARI staff provided information and made plans to follow up with the Kane County Deputy Director of Court Services. There was no other old business/new business.

**Adjournment**

Nate Steinfeld made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jordan Boulger. All in favor, none opposed, meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The next meeting will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., followed by the November 2, 2015 Oversight Board meeting.

**(Approved 10/26/15)**