

**Minutes from Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board  
Site Selection & Monitoring Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, December 21, 2016  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**At the following public site:**

**ICJIA, 300 W. Adams Street, Chicago, IL - 2nd Floor – Small Conference Room**

ARIOB in attendance: Walter Boyd, Lisa Castillo (for John Maki), Angelique Orr, Lori Roper (for Amy Campanelli)

ARIOB by phone: Judge Radcliffe (Ret.), Mike Torchia

Non-ARIOB in attendance: Mary Ann Dyar, Lindsey LaPointe, Laura Scherkenbach

Non-ARIOB by phone: Judge Sumner (Ret.)

**Welcome and introductions**

Committee Chair Angelique Orr called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and it was established there was not yet a quorum so the meeting moved forward for discussion only.

**ARI Status Update**

Lindsey LaPointe provided some background and goals for the meeting: Discuss and vote on planning grant applications (second deadline), discuss planning for effective use of resources before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Ann Dyar reminded the committee that Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) was included in the stop gap budget, receiving funds from two sources; one source expires on 12/31, but the other source continues until June 30<sup>th</sup>. ARI received sufficient funds to reimburse for sites' SFY16 expenses as well as cover grant awards for SFY17 as budgeted. The remaining funds can cover administrative expenses, as well as hire research staff and offer planning grants. Sites are generally underspending due to the effect of the budget impasse, which led to program reductions and overall uncertainty. Sites are ramping back up slowly, and many are waiting for an initial SFY17 payment before they re-start program enrollments. ARI staff has been exploring training and technical assistance opportunities for sites that could be funded with administrative funds. In January, ARI staff will contact sites to discuss potential budget amendments or revisions to encourage full use of available funds.

**Action Item:** ARI staff will schedule budget discussions with sites via phone and/or e-mail regarding spending through SFY17 and plan for budget amendments or revisions.

Lindsey provided programmatic updates, highlighting past and future trainings. With some resources available in the administrative budget, ARI has offered regional trainings to sites in alignment with the ARI goals of building local program capacity to conduct evidence-based practices. This included a 4-day *Moral Reconciliation Therapy* (MRT) training in Springfield with 19 participants and a 3-day Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) training for Cook County and Peoria County probation departments last week with 15 participants. In addition, there will be a few relevant in-state conferences this winter, with a handful of participants, likely relating to restorative justice and community behavioral health. Two other regional trainings on group cognitive-behavioral interventions are in the planning process.

ARI staff will also resume comprehensive site visits, which were halted in SFY16 due to the budget impasse. The Boone County site visit was conducted last week, with a site visit report in

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progress. Future scheduled visits include Lake County on January 18 and 20<sup>th</sup> (drug and veterans court), as well as Peoria County on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Action Item:** ARI staff will notify ARI Oversight Board members of upcoming trainings, conferences and site visits.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Upon the arrival of Lori Roper, it was determined there was quorum. Lori Roper made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, which was seconded by Walter Boyd. All in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.

**Review and approval of SFY17 planning grant applications (second deadline)**

Lindsey opened the discussion about planning grants, emphasizing the importance of the planning process in ARI to support the program's incremental growth and success. ARI programs are collaborative and interdisciplinary; planning grants ensure careful strategic planning, data examination, training, etc. A second deadline for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) had four applicants, in addition to LaSalle County and Adams County (first deadline). These four applications came from counties with existing ARI programs. Through the NOFO, ARI staff had encouraged both current ARI programs and potential ARI programs to recognize that different target populations require different interventions, so we would expect a mix of applicants. In the past, these planning grants were noncompetitive. The process has changed with new GATA regulations, including posting the NOFO. Scoring for these new applications occurred in an ad hoc committee earlier in the week. Summary scores and comments from the review were provided to committee members in a chart compiled by ARI staff.

Lindsey presented PowerPoint slides explaining the NOFO process. Counties can apply for planning grants to convene stakeholders, analyze data, and conduct other activities to determine how to best to implement a local ARI program to divert non-violent offenders from prison into community-based supervision and services. Examples of appropriate uses of planning grant funds were listed: Outside facilitator or strategic planning consultant, data analysis, stakeholder training, site visits, community resource mapping.

Mary Ann noted that the planning grant requests from existing sites are to explore expansion of their programs within their judicial circuit, to potentially bring on a total of 9 counties (the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to add 3 counties, the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to add 4 counties, and the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to add 2 counties). This illustrates possible significant geographic growth.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit's application was reviewed and discussed first. The circuit is planning to expand the Effingham area problem solving courts, in particular the mental health court, to 3 other counties in the eastern sector of the circuit. ARI currently funds the mental health court and related treatment/community involvement enhancements in Effingham and Christian counties.

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They are requesting approximately \$14,500, and the average number of Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) commitments from the area is 60 people. Planning activities proposed: Convene planning group; conduct team trainings and site visits; hire consultant; look at expanding current services in ARI Effingham to three other counties. In terms of discussion and scores, the average score was 89 out of 100. Strengths: Aligned with ARI goals. Concerns: Vague program description, vague planning activities, county would need to include service providers from the counties expanded; more training/site visit clarification is needed.

Committee members discussed that program descriptions will be more clearly defined during the planning process and will be tailored to the county's unique needs, and that the application does provide a basic framework and strategic plan to cover rural areas through programming. Angelique called for a motion to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit's planning grant application with the contingency to tailor best practices to its planning activities and program description. The motion made by Walter Boyd and seconded by Lori Roper. Lisa Castillo recused herself from all votes on the planning grants due to conflict of interest. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Application approved.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit's application was reviewed and discussed. ARI currently funds a drug court in Sangamon County. The county is looking for assistance in planning for a veterans court, per the veteran court mandate effective January 1, 2018. Members discussed the proposed planning activities, stakeholders, travel expenses, supplies, and contractual support. In terms of discussion and scores, the average score was 89 out of 100. Possible revisions included further travel justification, such as an agenda or post-visit report, as well as further clarification on phone conferencing costs. Lori Roper made the motion to approve the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit for a planning grant to plan for a veterans court, which was seconded by Walter Boyd. Mike Torchia abstained. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Application approved.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit's application to consider expanding the intensive probation supervision program was reviewed. Activities include hiring a contractual consultant, facilitating discussions with stakeholders such as local behavioral health providers, and performing data analysis. The average score was 97. Committee members only had recommendations for more specific performance measures. Angelique called for motion to approve the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit's planning grant application with the contingency of including quantitative performance measures in goals/objectives. Walter Boyd made the motion, seconded by Lori Roper. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Application approved.

Finally, Cook County applied for planning grant through the Office of Chief Judge, to support activities to determine the impact of criminal justice reforms on the Adult Probation Department. Currently, ARI funds two programs in Cook under the same grant umbrella. Despite two ARI programs and a menu of diversion programs, Cook continues to commit about 6,800 non-violent offenders to IDOC every year who could be eligible for a generic ARI diversion program. It was noted that the commitments are trending downward. The end product of the planning grant will

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draw some conclusions about how the analysis will lead to the expansion of ARI in Cook County, or enhance the goals of ARI in Cook County. Members note the following concerns: This particular planning may be premature, there will be time constraints for the data analysis, and the stakeholder representation needs to be expanded. Committee members agreed that the final focus should be how to expand or enhance existing programs that work; the large scale of Cook County indicates a higher need for proactive, creative thinking. Furthermore, the outcome of this data analysis and activities would be very valuable in terms of conversations with policymakers. Angelique Orr called for motion to approve Cook County's planning grant application. Walter Boyd made motion, which was seconded by Angelique Orr. All in favor, none opposed. Lori Roper abstained. Motion passed. Application approved.

**Discussion of ARI site spending and use of SFY17 stopgap funds**

Lindsey asked for committee feedback regarding ideas for local programs on repurposing funds. Due to underspending early on, several sites have surplus funds, and they will begin submitting budget revisions or amendments to repurpose them. It was proposed whether ARI sites could use funds to integrate new components into their grants that represent system-wide enhancements related to ARI goals beyond their current ARI program operations (e.g., planning for a veterans court in addition to the existing drug court). This could present an opportunity for some of the discussed planning grantees to integrate the new planning activities into the current site budgets.

Lisa Castillo noted that there are ICJIA policies and procedures that will need to be consulted to determine the allowability of such proposed changes regardless of whether the committee approves this flexibility in the use of funds.

Angelique Orr called for a motion to allow current ARI sites to repurpose surplus SFY17 funds in their budgets for system-wide enhancements aligned with ARI goals. Lori Roper made the motion, which was seconded by Walter Boyd. Lisa Castillo recused herself. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

**Adjournment**

Angelique Orr called for a motion to adjourn. Lisa Castillo made the motion, which was seconded by Lori Roper. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

**(Approved 4/27/17)**