

**Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB)
Site Selection & Monitoring Committee
ICJIA, 300 W. Adams Street, 2nd Floor – Large Conference Room, Chicago
Monday, May 5, 2016 2:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

ARIOB in attendance: Lisa Castillo (for John Maki), Emily Cole (for Tom Mahoney), Patricia Hayden, Lori Roper (for Amy Campanelli)

ARIOB by phone: Judge Radcliffe, Mike Torchia

Non-ARIOB in attendance: Mary Ann Dyar, Shataun Hailey, Lindsey LaPointe, Lajuana Murphy, Sara Orlan

Welcome and introductions

Lindsey LaPointe called the meeting to order and facilitated introductions. It was determined there was quorum. ARI staff provided an overview of the agenda.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Lindsey asked for a review of the minutes from the last meeting. Patricia Hayden made a motion to approve the minutes. Emily Cole seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Minutes approved.

Update – state budget and timeline (SY16 & SFY17)

Mary Ann Dyar provided updates on the state budget and timeline for SFY16 and SFY17. After 10 months without a state budget and funding, many ARI sites are operating at depressed levels. Sites have been underspending, overall at approximately 66% of budget. Throughout the year, ARI staff asked sites to report on expenses incurred and necessary reimbursement. ARI owes a total of \$3.5 million to sites through March. ARI staff is in the process of analyzing the budget impasse and its impact on each site. Of note, Kane County left ARI in December 2015.

The “Human Services Stop Gap Bill” (SB2047) has passed unanimously from the Senate, and ARI is included in this stop gap budget, at about 35% of the initially proposed appropriation level. The bill continues to the House this week. Committee members were provided documents illustrating site awards and spending rates, as well as a column for SFY17 amounts requested.

Lindsey LaPointe reported that many sites have discontinued enrollment and/or have halted payments to contractual treatment providers. Many counties are waiting to see if appropriations will come through, so county boards have yet to make decisions about continuing into SFY17. ARI staff is compiling information on this matter for the May 16th ARIOB meeting. Lisa Castillo shared concerns about appropriations and budget reductions. The committee discussed various ways in which an appropriation could be dispersed among ARI and its sites. ARI staff is working closely with executive staff at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (Authority) on these contractual issues, contingent on a potential appropriation.

Review and development of funding recommendations – SFY17 renewal grants

Lindsey opened the discussion of the 21 programs submitting renewal applications. Kane and Kankakee are not included, as they did not submit the designation request forms. DeKalb and Kendall are currently working to get their programs off the ground after their end-of-summer Request for Proposals (RFP) applications were approved despite the lack of implementation funds. For renewal decisions, both are considered continuing sites. Lindsey oriented the committee members to the summary chart, noting cost per person served and diverted, target populations and true maintenance requests (for which a uniform definition is needed).

Lindsey walked through the first renewal site on the summary chart, the 2nd Judicial Circuit, and provided details of the program and the renewal request. The committee noted that the costs per person diverted on are the high end, in part due to the rural nature of the courts, but also because the site requested an amount

above the maintenance level. The group discussed ways to determine true maintenance budgets while allowing for the increase in costs in some sites (e.g., a rise in per diem rates at some major treatment providers, regular and planned for increases in salaries), such as: (1) giving staff flexibility to approve requested amount with contingency that a truly maintenance budget will be determined; (2) approve only up to prior grant amount plus some type of cushion via a percentage (e.g., 10%); (3) approve nothing more than the amount that was approved in SFY16. The committee agreed to allow up to 10% above maintenance continuing upon documentation of increased costs.

Lisa Castillo made a motion to approve the renewal request of the 2nd Judicial Circuit up to the prior grant amount in SFY16 (maintenance budget) plus 10%, with the additional 10% contingent on documentation that the increased amount is related to increased costs, also contingent on the use of updated IDOC data and cost effectiveness. Patricia Hayden seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Mary Ann asked if the committee intends to use this articulation for approval for all the sites, with some contingencies for updated data and the committee affirmed. She noted that some sites (Cook, Macon and McLean) submitted requests at less than maintenance levels. The committee determined that there should be uniformity in the offer of SFY16 maintenance budgets plus 10%. Shataun Hailey reminded the group that counties can budget less, due to local control and design. If counties budget less and there are funds left over, Mike Torchia noted that more training is needed at the site level and suggest using funds not tied up in local budgets for trainings.

Lindsey recapped the discussions, noting that the committee is comfortable approving SFY16 budgets plus an additional 10%, contingent on documentation that the increased amount is related to increased costs. Additional contingencies may be added, such as the use of updated IDOC data and cost-effectiveness for any site with a cost per person over \$15,000. Lisa suggested voting on sites together, requesting that staff pull out the need for contingencies. ARI staff highlighted a few things that may require contingencies:

- The 9th Judicial Circuit proposed to add a fourth probation officer.
- Boone County is over the cost-effectiveness threshold.
- Cook HOPE did not provide enough detail on the target population calculation.
- Cook ACT used old IDOC data and is over the cost-effectiveness threshold.
- DuPage County inserted some program enhancements, such as employment supports.
- Grundy County requested housing assistance.
- Jersey County is over the cost-effectiveness threshold.
- Kendall County is over the cost-effectiveness threshold.
- Lake County is slightly above the maintenance request level.
- Winnebago is requesting more than maintenance however the details are unknown at this time.

Lindsey also noted that McLean County is significantly changing their program and not utilizing grant-funded probation officers. Peoria County is again requesting a fourth probation officer which they have made the case for in recent years and funding has not been available. St. Clair County has integrated a judge into their program.

Mary Ann noted that the Cook ACT Court has reported a decrease in referrals and enrollments; and, as a result, their target population may need to change. Target population modifications are allowable, as long as the population is still ARI-eligible, and they may need to be reflected in the grant agreement. ARI research support could assist in digging deeper on this issue. Emily Cole noted, regarding Cook ACT, changes on eligibility for the program can change referrals and enrollments.

Lindsey articulated the motion to approve SFY17 awards for continuing sites (i.e., not including Kendall and DeKalb) at up to the SFY16 grant amount as listed in the summary chart with the potential for an additional 10%, contingent on documentation that it is related to increased costs. Approval is also

contingent on cost-effectiveness and the use of updated IDOC data for any site utilizing old data. Emily Cole made the motion. Patricia Hayden seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Committee members abstained as follows: Patricia Hayden abstained from DuPage County votes, Emily Cole and Lori Roper abstained from Cook County votes, and Mike Torchia abstained from Sangamon County votes.

Lindsey provided the details of the DeKalb County request to create a mental health court. Emily Cole inquired about how new counties can request implementation funds at this time, and ARI staff reminded the committee that DeKalb and Kendall had gone through planning grants and responded to and been approved through a prior implementation RFP (released by the ARIOB). Legal staff at the Authority and the ARIOB discussed that these two new sites should be considered renewal sites once funding became available. Patricia Hayden made a motion to approve up to the amount requested in the summary chart, Lisa Castillo seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Lindsey provided the details of the Kendall County request to create a drug court. This would be the first problem solving court in Kendall County. The cost per person is high, in part due to the rural drug court design. Emily Cole suggested supporting the county in this new program, while also asking for cost-effectiveness in a non-prescriptive way. It may be hard for the county to meet a 16 person contractual goal given the start date and first enrollment date is unknown and contingent on an appropriation for ARI and an executed grant agreement. Emily Cole made a motion to approve up to the amount requested in the summary chart, contingent on cost-effectiveness. Lori Roper seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion and approval of changes to SFY16 awards – if necessary

The committee agreed this was touched on sufficiently earlier in the meeting.

Old business/new business

Mary Ann noted that, depending on what an eventual SFY17 appropriation looks like, ARI staff may be asking the ARIOB to approve an RFP at the May or August meeting. Mary Ann reminded the committee about the full discussion at the March 2016 meeting about the special projects funds that appeared in the initially proposed SFY17 budget for ARI in February 2016. ARI staff continues to make inquiries about these funds for ARI. Lindsey thanked the committee members, especially for the important ideas and insights added to the conversation.

Adjournment

Lisa Castillo made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Hayden seconded. All in favor. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.

(Approved 11/7/16)