

**Notes from the ARIOB Site Selection & Monitoring Committee Meeting  
January 29, 2013, 1:30-3:00 p.m., at ICJIA, 300 W. Adams, Suite 200, Chicago**

ARIOB members in attendance: Emily Cole (for Tom Mahoney), Sean O'Brien (for Jack Cutrone)

ARIOB members by phone: Patricia Hayden, Angelique Orr, James Radcliffe, Mike Torchia, Ken Tupy (for Adam Monreal)

None-ARIOB members in attendance: Mary Ann Dyar, Lindsey LaPointe

**Updates on grantees and previous supplemental funding requests:**

- ARI staff is working to expand the number of ARI sites and working to make counties and circuits aware of the program
- ARI staff presented at the Chief Judges meeting in September 2012
- Current planning grantees include Boone, Kane and LaSalle
- ARIOB approved two additional sites at October 2012 meeting:
  - McDonough (in partnership with Knox)
  - Crawford County
- Cook County has withdrawn their previous request to fund supervisory positions beyond 2/28/13 due to extension of their federal funds
- One time supplements have been offered:
  - Unique time of overlapping ARRA and GR funds create undesignated GR funds
  - Planning grantees not yet ready for implementation
  - ARIOB authorized Site Selection & Monitoring Committee and ARI staff to approve one time investment grant requests

**Discussion and votes on one-time investment grants:**

Below are the funding decisions of the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee based on requests received from existing and past grantees for supplemental funds. These one-time funds are intended to help jurisdictions meet the goals of Adult Redeploy Illinois, namely to reduce the number of non-violent offenders being sent to prison by implementing evidence-based assessments, programming, and data-sharing.

St. Clair County (existing site) – Total request of \$31,000 as amendment to current ARI grant agreement (1/1-6/30/13)

- Direct Services: \$7,000 for implementation of *Thinking for a Change* (T4C) cognitive behavioral therapy groups
- Training: \$24,000 for attendance for 6 ARI team members at the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) conference in January and National Council on Behavioral Health conference in April
- Discussion:
  - APPA conference already occurred, but there is another APPA conference in July 2013, would need grant agreement extension for this expenditure
  - T4C treatment request runs through December 2013, past the end of the grant agreement, would possibly need grant agreement extension for this expenditure

- There may be other costs to conduct the T4C groups (e.g., program materials, transportation) not in the budget
- Motion: Grant up to full amount of request (\$31,000) contingent upon itemized budget, working with site to itemize T4C costs and identify later conference – passed upon motion by Radcliffe, seconded by Tupy

Winnebago County (existing site) – Total request of \$31,801 as amendment to current ARI grant agreement (1/1-6/30/13)

- Direct Services: \$31,801 for increased cost of residential treatment beds for female participants (rate change)
- Discussion:
  - County informed of fee change after submitting request for continuation award
- Motion: Grant up to full amount (\$31,801) – passed upon motion by Radcliffe, seconded by Torchia

2nd Judicial Circuit (former planning grantee) – Total request of \$108,463 as new grant agreement

- Request is essentially for implementation ramp-up of circuit-wide drug court model. The Circuit plans to request ARI implementation funds in FY14.
- Data and Technology: \$23,900 for case management system enhancements (to include ARI data elements) and \$6,100 for equipment
- Direct Services: \$78,463 for treatment counseling, drug testing supplies, supportive services, incentives, and facility rental
- Discussion:
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit was awarded a planning grant in 2010 but did not move forward to implementation.
  - Since then, there have been some leadership changes in the Circuit and the new Chief Judge is committed to this project.
  - Ramp-up will involve 5 of the 12 counties in the Circuit, including Crawford County which received its own ARI implementation grant in November. Other counties are Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Wabash
  - We need to make sure they will be able to spend the funds by 6/30/13. Many of the costs can be spent/invested in the program upfront. The policies and procedures for the circuit-wide model are already approved and in place.
- Motion: Grant up to full amount (\$108,463) – passed upon a motion by Radcliffe, seconded by Hayden

Lake County (former planning grantee) – Total request of \$92,787 as new grant agreement

- Direct Services: \$74,787 for residential substance abuse treatment for high-risk probationers who might otherwise not receive treatment
- Training: \$18,000 for probation officer training in EPICS (Effective Practices In Community Supervision) through the Corrections Institute, University of Cincinnati
- Discussion:
  - Lake County received a planning grant in 2010 but did not move forward with implementation.

- Lake County has a rich history implementing evidence-based practices, and EPICS training is seen as a next step in that development. It will also help prepare probation officers for future ARI program involvement.
- Concern that the request for residential treatment is to make up for a budget shortfall rather than ramping up to possible ARI implementation in FY14. ARI staff suggests that this request demonstrates that need for treatment exceeds current capacity.
- Needs to be a nexus between the items requested and ARI program goals.
- Possible contingencies to forge this nexus are to require Lake County to use this time to prepare a local plan for FY14 ARI implementation that all stakeholders can support. In addition, residential treatment should be restricted to prison-bound probationers as a true diversion in keeping with ARI goals.
- Potential FY14 implementation to maintain specialty court enhancements and prison commitment reductions achieved with a federal grant set to expire in September 2013.
- Motion: Grant up to full amount (\$92,787) contingent upon (1) treatment provided to prison-bound individuals as diversion, and (2) preparation of a local plan for FY14 ARI implementation by Lake County stakeholders – passed upon a motion by O'Brien, seconded by Hayden

Cook County (existing site) – Total request of \$256,311 as amendment to current ARI grant agreement and/or new grant agreement

- Not all of the requested items are directly linked to the current Cook County ARI program, which is based on the HOPE program for probation violators facing prison time.
- Data and Technology: \$50,000 for case management system for Mental Health Unit (MHU) in the Adult Probation Department; \$17,311 for scanners to track probation transfers; \$20,000 for planning grant to inventory data tracking and improve data sharing
- Direct Services: \$21,600 for transportation assistance; \$45,000 for *Thinking for a Change* (T4C) groups; \$50,000 for trauma therapy for males; \$10,000 for incentives and supports
- Training: \$2,000 to train *Moving On* facilitator for female participants; \$4,000 for Information Sharing training; \$36,400 for attendance of up to 26 court services staff at National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) conference in July
- Discussion:
  - If we utilize federal funding (by amending the current grant agreement), there needs to be a nexus between current ARI program and the new requests.
  - Most items fall within and/or benefit the current program except for the case management system for the MHU (which does not serve ARI participants) and the scanners (which are for Interstate Compact transfers and therefore do not impact the Illinois prison system). NADCP conference includes important training opportunities in evidence-based practices and working with drug-involved clients; it is not just for drug court teams.
  - The MHU case management system does support ARI goals – this could be funded through a separate grant agreement with state funds.
  - Scanners will not likely serve the ARI population, so \$17,311 should be taken out of the request.

- Cook County stakeholders recently decided to fund the T4C groups with unspent funds out of the current budget, so the request can be reduced by \$45,000.
- Motion: With federal funds, as amendment to current agreement, grant up to \$144,000 (minus scanners and T4C); with state funds, grant up to \$50,000 (MHU case management system) – passed upon a motion by Radcliffe, seconded by Tupy

**Old business/new business:**

None.

**(Approved 6/6/13)**