

Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB)
Site Selection and Monitoring Committee
Monday, May 11, 2015
1:00p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA),
300 W. Adams, Ste. 200, Chicago, IL 60606
Large Conference Room

ARIOB in attendance: Angelique Orr, Lisa Castillo (for John Maki), Emily Cole (for Tom Mahoney), Patricia Hayden

ARIOB by phone: James Radcliffe, Mike Torchia

Non ARIOB in attendance: Reshma Desai, Randy Kurtz, Lindsey LaPointe, Lynne Mock, Cindy Puent

Non ARIOB by phone: Queen Sister Afrika, Thomas Sumner

Welcome and introductions

Committee Chair Angelique Orr called the meeting to order and called roll, determining there was quorum.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Angelique Orr asked members to review the minutes. A minor change was noted by Lindsey LaPointe to revise the dates of an upcoming site visit to February 25-27th. Patricia Hayden made a motion to adopt the minutes with the change, seconded by Emily Cole. All in favor, none opposed, minutes adopted.

Brief discussion of site monitoring activities

Lindsey LaPointe opened the discussion on site monitoring. She noted that there are four new Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB) members to be introduced at the May meeting.

The quarterly data report summary included in the materials covers site activities for the period of January through March 2015. One formal site visit occurred last quarter to the 4th Judicial Circuit, to see funded mental health courts in Christian and Effingham counties. A full site visit report is forthcoming. ARI staff had a brief informal visit with the Sangamon County drug court team and Mike Torchia in April to discuss what is going well and major challenges. The grant monitors are also conducting administrative site visits, and Cindy Puent reported that the two grant ARI grant monitors recently completed visits to St. Clair, Macon, Madison and the 9th Judicial Circuit. These visits are required for new sites within the first six months; and every two years for continuing sites. Regarding trainings, ARI staff participated in a circuit wide training in the 2nd Judicial Circuit on April 10th in collaboration with the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) and the Center for Prevention Research and Development (CPRD) at the University of Illinois. It was a strong collaborative presentation with 55 site stakeholders in attendance from a spectrum of disciplines involved in the 12 drug courts in the 2nd Judicial Circuit.

Four new ARI sites began in February 2015 including Kankakee, Will, Grundy, and the 20th Judicial Circuit (expansion into Monroe and Randolph counties). Kankakee, which is undergoing several county fiscal issues, has faced challenges meeting its 25% reduction goal in the abbreviated six-month grant period, due to probation officer hiring difficulties. While not expected to meet its SFY15 goal (pro-rated to seven), Kankakee is planning for full implementation in SFY16 provided it receives an ARI grant. The committee discussed how to assist the program to deal with hiring barriers and the possibility of starting a new ARI program with reliance on current, non-ARI probation officers.

Update on SFY16 budget and timeline

Lindsey LaPointe provided this update on budget developments since January 2015. The ARI appropriation in the SFY16 budget and the date of a final budget are unknown. Randy Kurtz added that these budget discussions are live, ongoing, and ARI is a part of the discussion. Due to the unknowns and need to prepare, ARI is creating plans for all budget scenarios.

Lindsey LaPointe provided updates on the SFY15 budget, referring to the budget document in the meeting materials. The final SFY15 budget totaled \$7.75 million, allowing for the addition of four new sites, a restoration of some of the cuts to current sites, and a SFY15 planning grant opportunity. Three counties received planning SFY15 grant funding: DeKalb, DuPage, and Kendall counties.

ARI provided guidance to renewing sites on the SFY16 renewal requests and the approval process. Renewing sites were first given the opportunity to submit designation request forms at a higher amount than the SFY15 budget to prepare sites for a possible increased appropriation. Sites were then asked to submit actual SFY16 program and budget materials at a SFY15 “maintenance” level. ARI staff is suggesting that that this committee make recommendations “up to” the larger amount requested by the sites, but ARI staff will subsequently process grant documents at the maintenance level. This will provide flexibility for ARI staff, the sites and a committee of the board to respond to various SFY16 final budget scenarios in a timely manner. All ARI sites have been made aware of this process for renewal funding review and approval.

Review and development of funding recommendations – SFY16 renewal grants

Twenty-one sites are requesting renewal grants (with one grant for the 20th Judicial Circuit to cover St. Clair, Monroe and Randolph counties). The committee focused on the summary chart and staff clarified some terms including prior grant amount, baseline reduction goal, service goal, stretch reduction goal, current participants, and average cost per person diverted and served. The amounts and numbers provided in the summary chart reflect a 12-month grant period. The committee noted that cost per person is a helpful data point to review. In the past, the committee has provided caps on funding, contingent upon cost effectiveness determined by cost-per person diverted. The review began with sites that the committee had questions on with separate votes for each proposal. The sites requiring no discussion were voted on in a uniform motion.

2nd Judicial Circuit

ARI staff outlined the renewal request and new proposed components of two additional drug court specialists to alleviate probation officer caseloads. The committee inquired about what appears to be a relatively low success rate on the designation request form and ARI staff suggested it is likely due to the relative newness of the program. The program typically runs for two years so not enough time has elapsed for successful graduates; however, some unsuccessful program exits and commitments to the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) have occurred.

Angelique Orr made a motion to approve up to the full amount requested of \$412,615.00, contingent on cost-effectiveness and providing additional information on program exits. Patricia Hayden seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

4th Judicial Circuit

The program is requesting a large increase in funding to expand the two current mental health courts, include drug courts in those counties, and also expand to Marion County. The problem solving courts in the two funded counties consist of teams working on drug and mental health together, although only the mental health court component is currently ARI funded. Due to the proposed expansion, the reduction goal increased significantly. The two current counties utilize a coordinator that covers both counties, and the committee discussed the need to maintain a coordinator if the program expands to more jurisdictions.

Angelique Orr made motion to approve up to the full amount requested of \$814,686.33, contingent on a plan for integrated operation of the six counties in the nine county judicial circuit. Emily Cole seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

Cook County ACT Court

The committee discussed the cost per person diverted baseline number as more than the \$15,000 per person used by this committee in the past to determine cost-effectiveness. ARI staff detailed the robust program including case manager, probation, ongoing training, an evaluation and the use of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Utilizing the number of current participants with the stretch goal for the cost-per person provides a more cost-effective program measure. It was suggested that the stretch goal can be their contractual goal.

Angelique Orr made a motion to approve up to the full amount requested of \$1,012,417.48, contingent on cost-effectiveness. Patricia Hayden seconded. All in favor, none opposed, Emily Cole abstains, motion passes.

Cook County HOPE

The program is under a current corrective action plan (CAP) to target high risk cases and ensure they are serving a truly prison-bound population. ARI staff noted a recent meeting with the Chief Judge, the program Judge and probation stakeholders, after which the Chief Judge provided a letter with additional proposed programmatic changes related to the CAP. Emily Cole provided additional detail on the proposed program changes. The Performance Measurement Committee suggested a six-month probationary budget (July 2015 – December 2015) to allow the program to enact changes. The recommendation, however, is for approval of a full year grant so that when and if goals are met, the program will not have to reapply for funding for the period of January 2016 – June 2016. It was noted that Cook HOPE's SFY14 planning process and data analysis of its target population has assisted ARI in analyzing all the sites to determine if program participants are high risk and prison-bound.

Angelique made a motion to approve up to the full amount requested of \$1,049,649.00, contingent on progress on the corrective action plan for the funds to go beyond six months (July 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015). Patricia Hayden seconded. All in favor, none opposed, Emily Cole abstains, motion passes.

Madison County

The committee discussed questions on the relatively high number of individuals referred to the program and subsequently rejected and the seemingly high number of individuals who do not complete the program. ARI staff will check on the accuracy of the 42 program exits. The committee had some concern that the program may be enrolling inappropriate clients. The last programmatic site visit was three years ago, although the grant monitor visited the program last week. ARI staff will obtain more information on this issue for the ARIOB meeting on May 18th.

Angelique Orr made motion to approve up to the full amount requested of \$296,253.00, contingent on providing additional information on program exits. Emily Cole seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

Jersey County

The committee discussed questions on the relatively high cost per person diverted, over \$15,000. All programs were instructed to budget for the 2015 Illinois Association of Problem Solving Courts Conference and the 2015 ARI All-Sites Summit, so these new expenses have increased the cost-per person diverted. The committee discussed approving the grant with the cost-effectiveness contingency, and Patricia Hayden noted that ARI staff and the committee could consider a higher cost-per person threshold for problem solving courts since these programs are generally more expensive than probation programs.

Angelique Orr made a motion to approve up to the full amount requested of \$126,351.00, contingent on cost-effectiveness. Patricia Hayden seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

St. Clair County and 20th Judicial Circuit

ARI staff provided detail on this renewal application which combines three programs under one grant. The request includes additional staff hours up to two full-time staff in Randolph, and the committee required assurance

that supplanting is not occurring. The committee requested clarification on the need for two full-time staff to serve 15 individuals in Randolph. The committee discussed the risk of the program serving non-prison-bound individuals to meet the program capacity and other possible methods of funding parts of the program services.

Angelique Orr made a motion to approve up to the full amount requested of \$515,343.00, contingent on providing a justification for the two full-time staff in Randolph County and an accurate service goal projection in St. Clair County. Patricia Hayden seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

Kane County

The committee discussed questions on the relatively high cost per person diverted, over \$15,000. The committee discussed the possible use of the stretch goal as the contractual goal.

Angelique Orr made a motion to approve up to the full amount requested of \$433,775.00, contingent on cost-effectiveness. Patricia Hayden seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

Remaining 13 sites:

The committee agreed to vote on the remaining 13 renewal requests in a uniform motion since no concerns were identified.

- 9th Judicial Circuit: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$486,000.00
- Boone County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$129,122.00
- DuPage County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$308,821.51
- Grundy County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$87,331.00.
- Kankakee County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$178,545.00
- Lake County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$254,742.00
- LaSalle County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$178,517.00
- Macon County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$380,046.00
- McLean County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$174,006.00
- Peoria County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$299,600.00
- Sangamon County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$234,663.00
- Will County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$395,037.00.
- Winnebago County: Recommendation: Fund up to the full amount requested of \$757,018.00

Angelique Orr made a motion to approve the remaining 13 sites up to the full amount requested. Emily Cole seconded. All in favor, none opposed, Mike Torchia abstained from Sangamon County, Patricia Hayden abstained from DuPage County, motion passes.

Old business/new business

Queen Sister Afrika requested a hard copy of all meeting materials to be left at the front desk of ICJIA for her.

Lindsey LaPointe offered additional information that that there may be a need to cut the maintenance budgets even more, contingent on the final SFY16 appropriation for ARI. In SFY15, this scenario occurred and all sites were decreased by 10%. ARI staff suggests that the ARIOB authorize the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee to assist with these decisions to decrease, if necessary.

Adjournment

Angelique Orr made a motion to adjourn at 2:56pm. Patricia Hayden seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes, meeting adjourned.

(Approved 7/24/15)