

**Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board
Site Selection & Monitoring Committee Meeting**

Friday, October 16, 2015

2:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

At the following public site:

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

ARIOB in attendance: John Baldwin, Lisa Castillo (for John Maki), Angelique Orr

ARIOB on phone: Mike Torchia, Emily Cole, James Radcliffe

Non ARIOB in attendance: Mary Ann Dyar, Shai Hoffman, Lindsey LaPointe, Sara Orlan

Non ARIOB on phone: Thomas Sumner

Welcome and introductions:

Mary Ann Dyar called meeting to order at 2:08p.m. It was determined that there was not a quorum, but the meeting would proceed with no votes.

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Since there was not a quorum, the approval of minutes for the prior meeting did not take place.

Update and discussion on impact of SFY16 Budget on Adult Redeploy Illinois

Lindsey LaPointe noted that a lot has changed since this committee last met on July 24th, and that ARI staff have been communicating with the full Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB) between the last board meeting in August and today on the impact of the state budget impasse on ARI sites. Mary Ann Dyar provided background on why this meeting was called, which was to explore a process for getting emergency bridge funding for ARI sites if any should become available. In the event that emergency funding becomes available, this committee will provide critical input on moving forward.

Lindsey LaPointe provided further updates on ARI funding and site selection since the last meeting, including the postponement of implementing ARI programs in DeKalb County, Kendall County and an expansion in DuPage County due to the lack of SFY16 state appropriation for ARI. The ARIOB had approved nine-month grants (to start on 10/1/15) for these three programs; however, local stakeholders are aware that implementation is on hold. These new programs did not foresee any long-term repercussions of postponing implementation.

Regarding existing ARI sites, Judge Radcliffe and Judge Sumner made phone calls to all the sites in August, and again after Labor Day, to make inquiries about how long sites might be able to operate without a state budget, including any anticipated personnel and contractor changes. Most sites reported that their county boards and/or circuits are “floating” funding to maintain staff and keep programs running. Based on these communications, the most vulnerable sites to losing staff are the 2nd Judicial Circuit and Kane County, both of which are planning layoffs in October. Some sites have asked about shutting down and closing out their grants, but ARI staff has encouraged them to continue operating their programs as long as they are able in the hopes of an eventual budget.

Angelique Orr asked about how site spending levels and the impact on performance are being tracked, and whether sites are submitting grant paperwork. Sites are submitting monthly fiscal reports as usual, reporting expenses incurred, and the sites have spent about \$1.8 million to \$2 million in the first quarter (note: the amount should be \$1.1 million through September 30th). Many sites are behind in spending due

to decreased services. On the quarterly data reports, ARI staff asked specifically about the impact of the budget impasse on the programs, including both spending and performance measurement. Several sites have either decreased or ceased enrollments due to a lack of funds, which could have an impact on the ability of sites to meet their reduction goals. The Performance Measurement Committee is preparing to analyze these data to see if modifications to performance measures, specifically the contractual 25% reduction goal, might be necessary; its next meeting is scheduled for October 26th. Mike Torchia noted that the ARI-funded Sangamon County drug court ceased enrollments temporarily but has begun to take new enrollments again due to the treatment available through the Affordable Care Act.

Lindsey LaPointe noted that ARI staff provided a memo to the Governor's Office on October 1st on the status of ARI and will continue to provide information. The Governor is aware of ARI and specifically mentioned the program in his February 2015 budget address and State of the State address. Angelique Orr noted that each board member should be aware of the specific impact of the budget crisis on ARI in order to share the information when helpful.

Discussion of responses to the SFY16 budget impasse

ARI staff asked for input on (1) what staff should be communicating to the sites to encourage the maintenance of programs, and (2) any ideas for other resources to keep the program running. The committee recognized the difficulty of sites maintaining programs with fidelity to evidence-based practices when there are no state funds to support them. There is a need to recognize the hard work of the local programs under duress, and the judges' phone calls have been in part to this end.

Staff discussed efforts to identify additional resources for the program, including the possibility of "emergency bridge funding" to avoid site shut-downs. Lindsey LaPointe raised the idea of identifying the most vulnerable sites that are at risk of permanent closure and providing "triage" funding to them if it became available. The committee discussed problems with ensuring equitable distribution decisions and making emergency investments in programs unsustainable over the long term. The committee discussed parameters that might be used to make decisions about parsing out limited funds such as risk of permanent closure, state savings generated from the program, and highest number of diversions. The committee members representing sites offered insight, noting that there would be criticism if some sites were funded and others were not regardless of the parameters used.

The committee talked about dividing up any funds proportionally; but it was noted that, depending on the amount of funds available, the amount per site might not make a sustainable impact. ARI staff offered up a similar model to the supplemental funding process, where sites can apply for the funding on a competitive basis. Any planning around site sustainability and financial needs is hard since it is unknown when the SFY16 budget will pass and the amount of the ARI appropriation.

Mary Ann Dyar talked about a possible shrinkage of the ARI network due to the budget crisis. Mike Torchia noted that looking at diversion numbers is an important factor when considering losing sites. Sites that are successful in diverting people from the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) should be sustained when possible.

Lindsey LaPointe summed up the discussion thus far, noting a consensus that if a small pot of funds becomes available, there are too many unknowns to split it up by site and it would be better spent on an administrative line item that would benefit all the sites (e.g. a training event). If a potential pot of funds were big enough, the committee suggests using the supplemental funding disbursement process; however right now, there is no need to bring this to the sites until it is known if there are funds and how much.

ARI staff thanked the committee members for their input when talking out various scenarios. Overall, ARI staff, the ARIOB and the committee wants to make sure they are doing everything possible to

advocate to keep the sites and the program going. Judge Radcliffe thanked Mary Ann Dyar and Lindsey LaPointe for their work on this difficult issue.

Brief discussion of site monitoring activities

Due to time limitations, this topic area was not discussed.

Old business/new business

Mary Ann Dyar asked for any old business or new business, and there was none.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47p.m. No vote was necessary since there was not a quorum.

(Approved 12/21/15)