

**Minutes from the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB)  
Site Selection and Monitoring Committee  
Friday, July 24, 2015  
10:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA),  
300 W. Adams, Ste. 200, Chicago, IL 60606  
Large Conference Room**

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

ARIOB by phone: Mike Torchia

Non ARIOB in attendance: Reshma Desai, Mary Ann Dyar, Lindsey LaPointe

Non ARIOB by phone: 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**

MaryAnn Dyar asked members to review the minutes from the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. After some time for review, Lisa Castillo made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Emily Cole. All in favor, none opposed, minutes adopted.

**Update on SFY 16 Budget**

Mary Ann Dyar informed the members that the SFY16 state budget is not in place and therefore there is no appropriation or authorization of spending for the Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) program. ARI staff has kept sites informed to the extent possible so that sites can plan accordingly. ARI did receive authorization from the Governor's Office that SFY16 ARI grants will be effective July 1, 2015, once a budget is approved that includes a sufficient appropriation for ARI and grant agreements are fully executed. Despite this authorization, it is still unknown when a budget will be signed and what the SFY16 appropriation for ARI will be. All sites are aware of this unknown and the subsequent fact that any costs incurred are not fully guaranteed to be reimbursed due to the contingency of a sufficient SFY16 appropriation for ARI. Many counties cannot support the ARI sites with existing county resources beyond the end of July and have sent layoff notices to be effective at the end of July. Committee members understood these local, county-level decisions.

ARI staff noted a concern that once ARI programs are halted due to fiscal uncertainty, it may be very difficult to restart a program once a budget is in place. Committee members raised questions regarding the ARI Oversight Board's (ARIOB) awareness and role in providing direction to the sites on how to deal with the fiscal uncertainty, such as possible direction to reduce spending or cease enrollments. At least one site stopped accepting new clients briefly and a committee member suggested that all sites be given this information on how various counties are dealing with the fiscal uncertainty. In addition, the group discussed concern over the impact of the fiscal uncertainty on ARI clients, local staff and overall program outcomes. Given the situation, consideration should be given to proration of reduction goals. Staff will gather information on the impact of the fiscal uncertainty and strategies from counties and share with other sites, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (Authority) executive staff and the full ARIOB in August. Mary Ann Dyar will prepare an issue brief for the ARIOB on how sites are dealing with the fiscal uncertainty.

**Review and development of funding recommendations – SFY16 implementation Request for Applications**

Lindsey LaPointe reminded the group that the Request for Applications (RFA) was issued in June with clear direction that these awards are contingent on sufficient SFY16 funding. The RFA was distributed broadly and ARI staff received RFA responses from the three sites that received SFY15 planning grants.

***DeKalb County***

ARI staff outlined the request to implement a new mental health track in current (non-ARI funded) Drug/DUI Court. The application builds off the success of the current DeKalb County Drug/DUI Court, in particular the

community component. The group identified and discussed a few issues with the application. The duties of the Clinical Counselor role were unclear and clarification is needed. Since the application requests to add a mental health track to an existing Drug/DUI Court, more information is needed on how the two programs will interact. There was sufficient detail on the intake and assessment process; however, the proposal lacked detail on the actual program (i.e., work with probation officer, court phases, program length, integrating mental health track court calls with Drug/DUI Court). Angelique Orr entertained a motion to approve this application for an amount of up to \$127,655 contingent upon additions and revisions to application before the ARIOB meeting with ARI staff and at least one committee member reviewing the revised application. Emily Cole made the motion that was seconded by Walter Boyd. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

### ***DuPage County***

ARI staff outlined the request to expand and enhance DuPage County's current ARI program. The proposal is strong and clearly addresses the current service gaps (e.g., current failure rates of TASC probation and probation for high need substance abusing offenders). Emily Cole shared that DuPage County team members visited the Cook County ACT Court as part of their SFY15 planning grant. Emily Cole reported that the site visit went well and the DuPage team members were very engaged. A few questions regarding the application were identified by the committee. The program should ensure that the contractual treatment providers are covered by the local Medicaid/Managed Care Organizations used by many or most of DuPage County probationers. The current DuPage ARI site has consistently used their internal court data instead of the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) data to determine the target population. Even though the end result is similar, the site and potential new program will be required to use IDOC data as it is mandated by the Crime Reduction Act. Finally, there are a few budget issues that have been identified and ARI staff will discuss with the applicant. Angelique Orr entertained a motion to approve this application for an amount of up to \$89,348 contingent upon the site utilizing the IDOC data. The motion was made by Walter Boyd and seconded by Emily Cole. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

### ***Kendall County***

ARI staff outlined the request to start a new evidence-based drug court. It was a strong proposal with clear articulation of service gaps and a congruent budget and program proposal. The proposal highlights the partnership with the County Health Department and a menu of available treatment and transportation services. The proposal also included a clear intake and assessment process to both court and clinical aspects of the program. A few questions were raised by the committee. The application did not outline the program's service capacity, the cost-effectiveness (e.g., cost per person) was high, and the application did not clearly address leveraging the Affordable Care Act (ACA) where possible. There was discussion on the residential treatment provider's daily rate versus the state approved rate through the Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA). During the planning process, the Illinois Center for Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice (COE) facilitated a training attended by all stakeholders including the Chief Judge. Angelique Orr entertained a motion to approve this application for an amount of up to \$149,865, contingent upon the applicant addressing program capacity, cost-effectiveness and how the ACA will be utilized when possible. Emily Cole made the motion which was seconded by Walter Boyd. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Mary Ann Dyar reminded committee members that these awards, like those made at the previous meeting, are contingent on sufficient funding for ARI becoming available in the SFY16 budget. Based on ARI staff calculations, an appropriation of at least \$8.2 million would be needed to fund all applications (new and renewal) as submitted. The Illinois House's proposed SFY16 budget included funding for ARI at \$8.5 million. The SFY15 funding level was \$7 million. MaryAnn Dyar will develop a memo on the impact of the delayed budget to share with Authority executive staff and the ARIOB.

### **Brief discussion of site monitoring activities**

Lindsey LaPointe opened the discussion on site monitoring by reporting that sites recently submitted quarterly data reports that are still under review. Many of the larger sites enrolled a lot of people in April, May and June and as a result there will be more people served this quarter than ever before. Time of year may be a factor in this increase in enrollments. The Macon County Community Restorative Board (CRB) volunteers attended a

training on expungement. Several staff from various sites accessed *Moral Recognition Therapy* (MRT) training which is an evidence-based cognitive-behavioral curriculum.

One site, Kankakee County, will not meet the SFY15 reduction goal. As discussed at previous meetings, this site had an extremely short grant period of six months and consequently had difficulty hiring staff due to funding uncertainty and then an Executive Order from the Governor in January 2015 that temporarily froze funding. The committee discussed mitigating circumstances and proposed that specific standards for mitigating circumstances be developed. It makes sense for the Performance Measurement Committee to outline specific standards for mitigating circumstances however this Site Selection & Monitoring committee will need to be made aware of any standards created. This issue will be brought up at the ARIOB meeting in August and Kankakee County will be encouraged to call into that meeting to provide information.

LaSalle County is still on a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) because the program missed its SFY14 reduction goal by one. Consequently, the program reports on CAP progress quarterly and it has shown improvement. The Cook HOPE program is also on a CAP. The recent progress report submitted demonstrates that marked progress has been made so far. Cook HOPE's SFY16 funding was approved contingent on successful progress demonstrated on the CAP by December 31, 2015 according to specific benchmarks outlined in the CAP. Emily Cole underscored the significance of the changes that have been made within the criminal court system related to the current Cook HOPE CAP, requiring support from both the Chief Judge and the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division. The committee thanked Emily Cole for her efforts.

### **Adjournment**

Angelique Orr suggested a motion to adjourn at 11:50 am. Lisa Castillo made the motion that was seconded by Emily Cole. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes, meeting adjourned.

**(Approved 12/21/15)**