



ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

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Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board
Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Via WebEx

Chair Victoria Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Program Director Mary Ann Dyar performed the roll call. A quorum was not present.

Outreach, Technical Assistance and Communication Committee Members	Present	Absent
Cristin Evans, ICJIA (designee of Delrice Adams)	X	
Victoria Gonzalez, SPAC (Committee Chair)	X	
Hon. James M. Radcliffe (Ret.)		X
Kathy Starkovich, DuPage County Probation & Court Services		X
Hon. Thomas R. Sumner	X	
Alyssa Williams, IDOC (designee of Latoya Hughes)		X

Also present: Mary Ann Dyar, ARI Program Director; Annice Fisher, PhD, Developing Capacity Coaching; Katerina Frye, Developing Capacity Coaching; Madelyne Rolfson, ARI Intern; John Ross, PhD, TASC; Caitlyn Rothenberg, ARI Policy & Project Coordinator; Gina Walker, TASC.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

The Committee deferred approval of prior meeting minutes due to lack of quorum.

Update on ARI Training, Technical Assistance and Development Program and Planning for the 2025 ARI All-Sites Summit

Chair Gonzalez asked Ms. Dyar and the ARI Training, Technical Assistance and Development (TTAD) Program partners Developing Capacity Coaching and TASC's Center for Health and Justice to provide a program update.

Dr. Fisher provided an overview of the TTAD program's accomplishments during SFY24:

- Hosted the Northern Regional Training Day on November 14, 2024, including presentations on strengthening culture in probation programs, utilizing strengths-based coaching, and identifying personal strengths via Gallup's StrengthsFinder.
- Developed an on-demand, virtual workshop on cognitive behavioral therapy.
- Held an ARI "All-Hands" call with sites on January 27, 2024, to discuss effective and equitable uses of ARI funding.
- Developed a client-focused assessment to identify ARI participants' skills and personality traits for use in individualized case management.

- Continued work with ARI sites to develop localized equity plans.

Ms. Walker discussed plans for the Central/Southern Regional Training Day to be held March 12, 2025, in Belleville.

Judge Sumner joined the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

The Committee discussed the 2025 ARI All-Sites Summit, to be held May 14-15, 2025, in Bloomington. Ms. Dyar shared feedback from ARI site representatives on the 2024 ARI All-Sites Summit:

- Site representatives enjoyed interactive discussions hosted by TTAD program providers.
- Individual site representatives asked for further training on the practical application of concepts such as data analysis, effective uses of ARI funding for client support such as housing, grant administration, client motivation and coaching, aftercare for ARI graduates, and simulation/role playing exercises.
- Site representatives suggested individualized tracks for judges, prosecutors, public defenders, probation staff, and service/treatment providers.

Committee members and TTAD program providers discussed potential sessions for the 2025 ARI All-Sites Summit, including a mindfulness activity; presentation on sentencing and arrest trends one year after implementation of the SAFE-T Act from Dr. David Olson, Loyola University; presentation on effective use of data from Dr. Ciji Heiser, DCC; small group simulation on lived experiences; ARI participant (Vital Voices) panel discussion; and session on developing a strengths-based approach.

ARIOB Committee updates

Ms. Dyar reported on the other ARI Oversight Board (ARIOB) Committees' work:

- The Site Selection & Monitoring Committee (SSMC) met February 10, 2025, to review responses to the SFY25 ARI Implementation Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and make recommendations to the ARIOB on use of funds.
 - Staff received two eligible applications.
 - SSMC recommended funding for the Peoria County Drug Court and Cook County mental health court program, subject to availability of funds.
- The ad hoc Recruitment & Selection Committee met three times to review candidates for non-governmental organization representative vacancies on the ARI Oversight Board.
 - Formal invitations were extended to three candidates.
 - The ARIOB would vote to fill the three Board vacancies at its February 24, 2025, quarterly meeting, pending completion of the vetting process.

Outreach planning for SFY25-26

Ms. Dyar reported that she and Ms. Gonzalez would serve on the newly created Community-Based Corrections Task Force designed to assess current alternatives to incarceration and identify gaps.

Ms. Dyar shared feedback from a jurisdiction that chose not to apply to recent NOFO, in part due to the required performance measurement goals. Committee members noted that diversion goals were required by statute and more education could inform potential sites on the purpose of ARI performance goals. Ms. Gonzalez reiterated the need to improve data processes to assist sites in adjusting target populations. The Committee discussed balancing priorities of geographic reach and expanding services at current ARI sites. Ms. Dyar noted ICJIA planned to hire a community engagement specialist to support outreach efforts of ARI and other ICJIA-funded programs.

Old business/new business

Ms. Dyar noted the passing of Carrie Wiekerson, a beloved friend and member of ARI staff, who began work with ICJIA in 2017 and with the ARI program in 2020.

Public comment

Chair Gonzalez opened the meeting to public comment; there was none.

Adjournment

Mr. Sumner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Evans seconded, and the motion carried. The Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

(Approved 4/30/2025)