



ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

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ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS OVERSIGHT BOARD REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 2020 - 1:30 p.m.

At the following public sites:

Thompson Center, Room 9-040, 100 W. Randolph, Chicago
Stratton Building, Room 621, 401 S. Spring, Springfield

Call to order/Roll call/Introductions

Co-Chair Grace Hou called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and reviewed the agenda. Ms. Dyar performed the roll call.

ARI Oversight Board Member Attendance	Yes	Phone	No
Rob Jeffreys, Acting Director, IDOC (Nikki Robinson, designee)	X		
Grace Hou, Secretary, IDHS	X		
Jason Stamps, Acting Executive Director, ICJIA	X		
Amy P. Campanelli, Public Defender of Cook County (Lori Roper, designee)			X
James Chadd, Illinois State Appellate Defender	X		
Emily Cole for Kim Foxx, Cook County State's Attorney	X		
Craig Findley, Chairman, PRB			X
Nathalina Hudson, Office of the Attorney General	X		
Mark Ishaug, Chief Executive Officer, Thresholds	X		
Tom Lyons, Chief Probation Officer, Cook County Adult Probation Department	X		
Hon. James M. Radcliffe (Ret.), Associate Director, Lawyers Assistance Program	X (SPI)		
Kathy Saltmarsh, Executive Director, SPAC			X
Kathy Starkovich, Deputy Director, Probation, 18 th Judicial Circuit, DuPage Co.	X		
Michael Torchia, Director, Sangamon County Court Services Department	X (SPI)		
Brandon Zanotti, State's Attorney, Williamson County			X
Representative of non-governmental organization		Vacant	
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A quorum was achieved.

Also present were: Mary Ann Dyar, ARI Program Director; Andrea Hall, Illinois Department of Human Services; Lynne Mock, Ph.D., ARI Research Manager; Floyd Stafford, Senior Project Manager, National Initiatives on Poverty and Economic Opportunity, Heartland Alliance; Scott Riolute, ICJIA Office of General Counsel; Gail Smith, ARI Policy and Project Coordinator; Yanwen Wang, ARI Intern; Carrie Wiekerson, ARI Grant Monitor; Stacey Woods, ARI Program Manager.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

The minutes of the October 17, 2019, joint committee meeting were distributed and reviewed. Judge Radcliffe moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Ishaug seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

Minutes of the November 18, 2019, regular ARIOB meeting were distributed and reviewed. Ms. Starkovich moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

Program Director Report

Ms. Dyar summarized quarterly data, noting that 1,840 people were served in the second quarter of state fiscal year 2020. She said the data included a relatively high number of exits due to recent program graduations. She also reported on participant risk levels and exit status and site progress toward diversion goals based on the two definitions: total served and new enrollments only. Co-chair Hou asked about continuing services upon graduation and expressed interest in the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) being more of a partner in services with justice-involved individuals.

Ms. Dyar reported that ARI conducted site visits in Boone and Winnebago counties to observe three ARI-funded problem-solving court programs January 28-30, 2020. Ms. Hudson, who attended the visits, commented that it was a great experience that helped her understand the program at the ground level and see the level of staff commitment and participant agency. She said the Rockford Resource Intervention Center was an effective one-stop shop to support people on probation.

ARIOB Committee Reports

Ms. Starkovich, newly elected chair of the Site Selection & Monitoring Committee, reported on the February 20 meeting, at which the committee reviewed the updated ARI site visit process and discussed SFY21 funding priorities based on strategic planning goals and different budget scenarios.

Ms. Dyar reported the Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communication Committee met on January 16 to discuss topics raised during the strategic planning process, including how to expand awareness of ARI to support growth. Committee members brainstormed ways to elevate ARI's profile and cultivate champions for the program.

Ms. Dyar also reported the Performance Measurement Committee met on February 3 to review the roll-out of the new performance measurement definitions and sites' progress toward diversion goals. She said that the focus on new enrollments opened up conversations among committee members about the impact of changes in target populations (e.g., from reduced drug offense arrests) at some sites and what that might mean for future strategic development of ARI.

Presentation on eligibility trends

Dr. Mock, ARI Research Manager, presented research showing that overall, prison commitments of probation-eligible people have been declining, particularly among the "traditional" target populations at a number of ARI sites (e.g., individuals charged with Class 3 and 4 felonies and drug offenses). She noted that ARI eligibility expansion in 2019 to include violent probation-eligible offenses increased the number in the "may be eligible" population depending on criminal history. She said staff encouraged sites to explore possibilities of expanding ARI target populations and target interventions. Dr. Lyons inquired whether the goal with sites was enroll more people overall or expand the map. He suggested that ARI should consider a goal for the *proportion* of eligible people diverted rather than a specific number, noting the increasing percentage of eligible participants. The group discussed the importance of focusing on the top committing counties to IDOC as a means of increasing impact.

Update on SFY20 and planning for SFY21

Ms. Dyar discussed ARI funding for SFY20 and the projection for SFY21. She explained that last year's funding level, while approved at about \$10 million as a combination of General Revenue Funds (GRF) and resources from the Violence Prevention Special Projects (VPSP) Fund, was effectively about \$9.5 million based on the declining VPSP fund balance. Of this, \$8.5 million was distributed in continuation

grants to 25 sites at maintenance levels, with \$947,100 (10%) allocated for administrative costs. Administrative costs included salaries for six full-time equivalent staff, she said. Ms. Dyar reported that sites were spending below anticipated levels for a variety of reasons with a potential year-end lapse of around \$1 million.

Ms. Dyar said that ARI is in the Governor's SFY21 budget at essentially the same funding level of about \$10.3 million, including \$9.271 million in GRF (\$1 million increase) and up to \$1 million from the VPSP Fund (which will be far less after SFY20 charges). She said that additional funding would make it possible to release another NOFO or two and expand technical and field staff. She noted ICJIA may be able to make the case for an increased amount during the budget negotiation process from March to May to fund new sites, new target areas of the state, pilot initiatives, and new site supports, such as supportive housing.

Approval of new ARIOB members

Co-chair Hou opened the discussion for adding two new members to the Oversight Board. She introduced the first proposed member, Floyd Stafford, to fill a vacancy as a representative of a non-governmental organization. She noted that the position was previously held by someone with lived experience in the criminal justice system and offered a critical perspective to the Board. Co-chair Hou reported that Mr. Stafford was identified and vetted through an ad hoc process with some Board members and gave an overview of his bio. Mr. Stafford noted ARI's alignment with his own professional goals to increase impact for individuals with criminal records. He noted that he is from the Austin community and his efforts in peer networking reflect his understanding that those closest to the problem are closest to the solution but often the furthest from power. He said he believes in decarceration using a smart approach balanced with community safety.

Mr. Chadd moved to approve Mr. Stafford's appointment to the ARI Oversight Board. Dr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with no abstentions and no recusals.

Co-chair Hou noted that retired Judge Thomas Sumner is the second candidate for the Oversight Board, for an at-large position. Ms. Dyar reported that Judge Sumner worked up until this summer as a technical advisor to ARI and helped build the program from the ground up, along with his colleague, current ARIOB member Judge James Radcliffe. Judge Radcliffe noted that Judge Sumner would be a tremendous addition to the board due to his institutional knowledge and wisdom, as well as his history of working with the sites since the inception of ARI.

Judge Radcliffe moved to add Judge Sumner to the Board. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with no abstentions and no recusals.

Discussion about strategic direction for 2020-2022

Ms. Dyar summarized the strategic planning work that ARI has undertaken since November 2019 with the help of Conlon & Dunn. She reported that the process included stakeholder interviews and two meetings with a small advisory committee, resulting in two documents that were circulated with the meeting materials. She said the proposed plan maintains and augments the goals ARI has pursued over the past five years and outlines a statement of strategic direction, including a mission statement, vision statement, and statement of values.

Ms. Dyar reviewed the goals that would continue from the last strategic plan. They include:

- Reduce recidivism for program participants,

- Invest in data-driven and results-oriented local programs.
- Foster a strong, equitable community corrections system through access to services that target individual needs.
- Support community-led justice efforts consistent with ARI values.

Ms. Dyar reviewed the values codified under the new plan. They include

- Equity
- Inclusion
- Access
- Involvement
- Effectiveness
- Innovation

She noted that the proposal envisions the following strategic directions:

- Apply an equity lens to program investment and growth.
- Pursue strategic program growth statewide.
- Expand the ARI program scope.
- Build capacity for sustainability, innovation and effective expansion.
- Identify and replicate proven leading practices.

Co-chair Hou welcomed Linda Diamond Shapiro and Kevin Conlon to the meeting. The Board discussed substituting the term “evidence-informed policies practices” for “proven leading practices.” Mr. Ishaug requested clarification on how equity was defined in terms of race, gender, age, disability, and other factors; and Ms. Diamond Shapiro suggested including a glossary of terms with the final report. She said that annual action plans with goals and metrics would be developed by staff according to the three-year framework. Ms. Dyar noted that the Outreach, Communications, & Technical Assistance Committee discussed ways to disseminate the strategic plan.

Co-chair Hou asked whether the Oversight Board was ready to approve the strategic plan. The Board agreed to change the phrase “proven leading practices” to “evidence-informed policies and practices.” Mr. Chadd moved to approve the strategic plan summary with the revised language and Judge Radcliffe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions or recusals.

Dr. Lyons suggested eliminating the word “annually” from the third bullet under “Pursue strategic growth statewide,” so that the point would read, “Build local infrastructure to reduce prison use and enrich service delivery to serve more individuals safely and effectively.” For future iterations, co-chair Hou recommended being more explicit about coordination efforts and opportunities with other state agencies. Ms. Hudson asked for clarification about whether the data-driven focus on would keep ARI from investing in grassroots organizations with limited capacity for data collection and analysis. Ms. Dyar said that, through partnership and technical assistance with sites, data capacity issues were not a barrier to funding. Co-chair Hou suggested reducing redundancy and/or providing context with the two separate listings of strategic goals to prevent confusion.

Dr. Lyons moved to approve the strategic framework with the above changes. Ms. Starkovich seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old business/New business

There was no old or new business.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Mr. Chadd moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:27 p.m. Mr. Ishaug seconded the motion and the motion passed.

(Approved 6/5/2020)