



ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

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ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS OVERSIGHT BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 18, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

At the following public sites:

Thompson Center, Room 2-025, 100 W. Randolph, Chicago
Stratton Building, Room 621, 401 S. Spring, Springfield

Call to order/Roll call/Introductions

Chief Nikki Robinson, designee for IDOC Acting Director Rob Jeffreys, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., and Mary Ann Dyar performed the roll call.

ARI Oversight Board Member Attendance	Yes	Phone	No
Rob Jeffreys, Acting Director, IDOC - Nikki Robinson, designee	X		
Alyssa Williams, designee	X (SPI)		
Grace Hou, Secretary, IDHS	X		
Jason Stamps, Acting Executive Director, ICJIA	X		
Amy P. Campanelli, Public Defender of Cook County	X		
James Chadd, Illinois State Appellate Defender (Shawn O'Toole, designee)	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, Ph.D., Chief Probation Officer, Adult Probation Department, Circuit Court of Cook County	X		
Angelique Orr, Director, PSI Correspondence			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 a non-governmental organization		Vacant	

A quorum was achieved.

Others in attendance: Rich Adkins, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (Springfield); Alyssa Bauer, Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County; Kevin Conlon, Mary Ann Dyar, Program Director, Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI); Cortisa Evans, ARI Grant Monitor, ICJIA; Emilee Green, Research Analyst, ICJIA; Andrea Hall, Illinois Department of Human Services; Lynne Mock, Ph.D., Research Manager, ARI; Robin Murphy, Acting General Council, ICJIA; Douglas Otto, Research Analyst, ICJIA; Kelly Pasholk, Associate General Counsel, ICJIA; Linda Diamond Shapiro, Conlon & Dunn; Gail Smith, Policy and Project Coordinator, ARI; John Specker, Research Analyst, SPAC; Nate Inglis Steinfeld, Research Director, SPAC; Yanwen Wang, Intern, ARI; Carrie Wiekerson, ARI Grant Monitor, ICJIA; Paula Wolff, Illinois Justice Project; Stacey Woods, ARI Program Manager, ICJIA.

Participating by phone: Bridget Kiely, TASC, Rockford

Approval of minutes of August 19, 2019 regular ARIOB meeting

Mr. Findley made a motion to approve the August 19, 2019, Regular ARIOB meeting minutes. Dr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

Program director report

Ms. Dyar summarized the management dashboard indicators for the first quarter of SFY21. She said new enrollments were down, but overall service numbers were up from the prior quarter due to a recent program start-up in Cook County. She reported on risk assessment information collected from sites. While some data was missing because of the new instrument transition, scores indicated 95% of participants assessed were at moderate to high risk.

Chief Robinson noted ARI staff conducted a site visit to DeKalb County's drug/DUI and mental health courts in November and attended ARI-funded program graduations. ARI also funded two regional trainings in the evidence-based Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) cognitive behavioral therapy model.

ARIOB committee reports

Mr. Steinfeld reported on the meeting with all three working committees held on October 17, 2019 joint committee meeting held in October to discuss roll-out of the new operational definitions for performance measurement, including the potential impact on sites and plans to provide technical assistance in using the definitions. Ms. Dyar noted that because the new definition of *diverted* includes only new enrollments, several sites would not meet their contractual reduction goals.

Mr. Steinfeld said committee members agreed that the three-year grant cycle that sites would be entering would provide for a gradual roll-out of the new definition and time for site adjustments before enforcement with potential penalties (per the Crime Reduction Act). Mr. Steinfeld noted that sites' local control and design of their ARI programs and defined target populations were maintained through the process. Ms. Dyar said that conversations with sites about moving to the new definition would range from expanding eligibility to possibly modifying target populations and reduction goals. Ms. Starkovich expressed appreciation for the committee members' commitment to help sites through the transition.

Grace Hou joined the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Vote to release SFY21 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Ms. Dyar stated that SFY21 ARI grants would be awarded via a competitive notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), which would be released within the first quarter of 2020. She said that this would be the first time ARI would be using the competitive NOFO process, which is required once every three years, for all network grants. She said the NOFO would be open to all counties in the state. She reported that the NOFO would be used to program the bulk of the expected SFY21 appropriation and its development will be informed by ongoing conversations, committee work, and strategic planning discussions about priorities.

Mr. Ishaug inquired about the total SFY21 appropriation and whether the Oversight Board could advocate for more funding. He said ARI's impact could be multiplied with more resources for deeper community partnerships to provide more and better services. Paula Wolff suggested issuing the NOFO for up to \$20 million to allow for maximum possible growth. The group discussed the challenges of programming funding without knowing the appropriation level and the need to manage applicant funding expectations. Staff discussed the possibility of offering two tiers of funding: one at the maintenance level and the other for additional or supplemental funds with an increased appropriation level. Mr. Steinfeld asked whether administrative resources—10% of the appropriation—were adequate to support growth.

The group discussed outreach efforts to support possible expansion through the funding opportunity. Secretary Hou noted the importance of reaching those who might have the least capacity to apply but the greatest need for funding, as well as using data to determine areas for ARI expansion. Chief Robinson reported on the increasing rate of women entering IDOC from central Illinois.

Robin Murphy advised that, based on ICJIA best practices, the NOFO vote should be based on the approximate expected appropriation, subject to change based on the actual appropriation.

Chief Robinson called for a motion to issue a competitive NOFO for \$10 million in anticipated SFY21 Adult Redeploy Illinois funding, subject to change upon notification of the actual appropriation level. Ms. Campanelli made the motion and Ms. Cole seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Research presentation – Demographics, Region and Outcomes study

Dr. Mock reported on her study of ARI demographics, region and outcomes. She said the study was initiated to assess the impact of race, gender, age, and region on ARI admissions, program outcomes, and subsequent criminal behavior and IDOC admissions. The study included an analysis of data on program exits from January 2011 through December 2018 (prior to eligibility expansion), with the following conclusions and recommendations:

Conclusions:

Age and region, but not gender or race, predicted IDOC recidivism. Neither demographics nor region predicted program outcomes. Results showed equal access to ARI among diverse groups; however, some intervention may improve access for younger participants and those in the southern regions of Illinois

Recommendations:

Age-specific interventions for emerging and young adults should be explored by all grantees. Also recommended was asset mapping resources in Illinois' southern region and other areas as indicated to identify underutilized resources and unmet needs.

Dr. Mock provided ideas for further research using the wealth of ARI administrative data, including exploring individual participants' program experiences (e.g., with drug testing, sanctions/incentives, phases, educational/employment supports). Dr. Lyons expressed interest in

research on drug testing practices. Underrepresentation of African-American men in the program was noted for further review. Mr. Ishaug requested more information on the role of community-based organizations in program development, noting that people's connections to organizations that work on the social determinants of health lead to reduced recidivism and improved outcomes.

Presentation by Conlon & Dunn about strategic planning process

Chief Robinson introduced Kevin Conlon and Linda Diamond Shapiro from Conlon & Dunn, who were retained to update ARI's strategic plan. Ms. Shapiro said they would be working with a small advisory group in December and January to refresh the program's strategic direction, focus on growth potential, and inform next year's and future budget discussions. She said they had reviewed background information on the program, including the 2015-2020 strategic plan and results of the ARIOB's recent strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats exercise, and were in the process of conducting key stakeholder interviews. She invited additional input from the Oversight Board.

Old business/New business

There was no old business. Ms. Dyar notified members that proposed 2020 Oversight Board meeting dates would be circulated.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Secretary Hou moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hudson seconded, and the meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 3:20 p.m.

(Approved 2/24/2020)