

**Minutes from the ARIOB Outreach, Technical Assistance & Communications Committee Meeting
Friday, January 9, 2015
10:30am-12:00pm
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA)
300 W Adams St., 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60606
Small Conference room**

Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB) in attendance: Nate Steinfeld (for Kathy Saltmarsh for quorum purposes)

ARIOB by phone: Darlene Bearden (for Patricia Hayden), Joe Bruscato, Cristin Evans (for Jack Cutrone), Kathy Saltmarsh, James Radcliffe

Non-ARIOB in attendance: Lindsey LaPointe, Mary Ann Dyar

Non-ARIOB by phone: Thomas Sumner

Welcome and introductions

Mary Ann Dyar called roll, and it was determined there was not an in-person quorum. It was noted that this meeting is open to the public, is in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and will consist of a discussion and no votes due to a lack of in-person quorum.

Approval of minutes

The committee did not vote on the minutes from the August 2014 meeting due to a lack of quorum.

Review of technical assistance provision for sites

Lindsey LaPointe provided an update on technical assistance provision for sites, highlighting two site visits since the last committee meeting. Reports on the most recent visits to LaSalle County and the 2nd Judicial Circuit are in the meeting packets. She noted that ARI staff has conducted six site visits in the last 13 months. Visits now last 2-2 ½ days, often required due to circuit-wide sites, and consist of observation of court calls and staffings, meeting with judges when applicable, visits to treatment providers, and meeting with clients or graduates. Site visits are sometimes conducted in the context of addressing an area in need of improvement, possibly requiring a corrective action plan (CAP). The Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice (COE), a technical assistance partner, participates when applicable. This was the case for the October 2014 visit to LaSalle County where the COE facilitated a stakeholder discussion about low enrollments, which resulted in a CAP. Lindsey noted that two sites are under current CAPs, using the process developed by the Performance Measurement Committee.

A question was raised about the previous Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB) decision to waive the penalty for LaSalle County, which missed its SFY14 reduction goal by one person. Mary Ann and Joe Bruscato relayed the robust ARIOB discussion leading to the decision to waive the penalty which included a review of data showing a substantial decrease in felony filings affecting the number of eligible clients in LaSalle. ARI staff and the ARIOB were clear to the site that the penalty *was* imposed and then subsequently waived. It was noted that the ARIOB is prepared to impose a penalty when warranted.

There was a discussion about expanding the CAP process to examine program components beyond reduction goals, such as target populations and how well the program is operating according to ARI goals. Judge Sumner discussed how the experience with the Cook County HOPE program's SFY14 planning grant process and internal data analysis led to this expanded idea of CAPs. Through the Performance Measurement Committee's work, ARI staff (with the assistance of the Research and Analysis Department at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority) is now developing a framework for determining what performance indicators should initiate corrective action.

Lindsey reported briefly on the three trainings for ARI sites facilitated by the COE, the exploration of regional trainings, and the 4th Judicial Circuit's upcoming no-cost "operational tune-up" training by the National Drug Court Institute to improve existing drug courts.

Discussion of 2015 All-Sites Summit Planning

Kathy Saltmarsh opened the discussion on the upcoming 2015 All-Sites Summit in March. ARI staff is looking to the committee to narrow down the proposed topical content of the Summit. Topics include law enforcement in ARI programs, recovery-oriented systems of care (ROSC), the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and expanded Medicaid, employment programs, budgeting training, and an overview of SFY16 funding. The group concurred that the event should be limited to two main topics.

The group discussed the importance of including law enforcement in policy discussions around diversion. In ARI programs, law enforcement is more prevalent in problem solving courts, and ARI staff has found that law enforcement is often one of the more compassionate voices within teams. Ideas to highlight include how "on the street" knowledge is critical and often only available through law enforcement. The group discussed if law enforcement is relevant for more probation-oriented sites as well, and Darlene Bearden noted that DuPage ARI has been moving to a more cognitive-based approach and does not collaborate too much with law enforcement. The group discussed the intersection of law enforcement and the ARI teams, and how law enforcement can benefit from the cognitive-based approach.

Joe Bruscato suggested that the expectation should be for law enforcement involvement to be involved in ARI programs. Training could be presented as how ARI sites are involving law enforcement, the benefits, what works well, and what are the challenges. Kathy suggested hearing from law enforcement on how being involved in ARI-type programs enhances their capacity within the community. Mary Ann mentioned contacting the Aurora Police Department Commander who presented to the Collaborative on Re-entry in September. All agreed on focusing on law enforcement. Sub-topics to explore could include liaising with jails, the capacity for swift and certain sanctions and partnerships with triage centers.

Mary Ann suggested that the ROSC discussion goes hand in hand with the topic of ACA and expanded Medicaid since some ARI programs are shifting funds to more recovery-oriented models due to the ACA now funding previously uncovered treatment components. The message should be that it is important for sites to leverage the ACA, decrease the use of ARI funds for treatment, and subsequently shift funds to components that are more sustainable and related to ROSC. The group decided to focus on the impact of the ACA, looking at the capacity of treatment providers, provider management perspective, timeline of shifting funds, and examples of ARI sites that have already seen significant funding shifts.

Overall, the committee agreed with these two main topics for the Summit. The importance of employment was raised, and ARI staff will brainstorm if this could be fit into the Summit. The idea of highlighting the county budgeting perspective was raised and could be considered for next year, especially since more fiscal impact work should be completed by the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC) by that time. Kathy cautioned not to overdo the agenda to allow for full discussions. ARI staff will brainstorm themes based on the two major topics discussed.

Updates on and discussion of media and outreach

Mary Ann went over the outreach document about SFY15 and SFY16 funding included in the meeting packet and asked for any comments by e-mail. Cristin noted these are good and concise bullet points on the budget outlook. The committee was also provided with a list of target counties that have expressed some interest in ARI, have been in contact with ARI and/or commit high numbers of individuals to the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). ARI staff will be sending All-Sites Summit invites to the target list since this event has been a valuable tool in the past for incubating interest in ARI. ARI staff should learn soon if any funds will be available for SFY15 planning grants.

In terms of media, Kathy noted that WCIA (Springfield-based television network) had been planning on doing a story on the impact of mandatory minimums on jail, but after a discussion with SPAC, has changed the plan to produce a two-part series on the overuse of incarceration and ARI as a solution.

Discussion of 2014 Annual Report planning

Mary Ann discussed the 2014 Annual Report outline that was included in the meeting packet. The report will emphasize work accomplished in 2014, meeting 2014 goals and other high-level messages. ARI staff is considering shifting the annual report period to cover the fiscal year and match the grant periods.

Old business/new business

Committee Chair Kathy thanked the group for participating both by phone and in person.

(Approved 5/16/16)