

**Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board
Site Selection & Monitoring Committee Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2016
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

At the following public site:

ICJIA, 300 W. Adams Street, Chicago, IL – 2nd Floor – Small Conference Room

ARIOB in attendance: Lisa Castillo (for John Maki), Emily Cole, Angelique Orr, Lori Roper (for Amy Campanelli)

ARIOB by phone: Mike Torchia

Non-ARIOB in attendance: Mary Ann Dyar, Lindsey LaPointe, Laura Scherkenbach, Judge Sumner (by phone)

Welcome and introductions

Angelique Orr called meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. It was determined there was quorum. ARI staff provided an overview of the agenda.

Approval of previous meeting minutes – May 5, 2016

Lindsey LaPointe called for a review of the minutes from May 5, 2016. Lisa Castillo made a motion to approve, Emily Cole seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Minutes approved.

Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) status update – budget and program in SFY17

Mary Ann Dyar provided updates on ARI's budget and program status. ARI was included in the stopgap budget passed on June 30th, in which two sources of funds provided approximately \$12.5 million. This is a sufficient amount to cover SFY16 site expenses, as well as cover the grant awards that this committee recommended and were approved by the Oversight Board at pre-impasse maintenance levels for SFY17.

At this point, 21 sites received payments for SFY16, and nearly all continuing sites have received a first payment for SFY17. Many sites expressed caution in enrolling participants until receipt of an initial payment for SFY17. Sites are spending at approximately 40% of their proposed budgets overall; this reflects a number of sites having to ramp back up their programs. A few sites are operating at 100%, which did not experience a large disruption during the budget impasse; others, such as DeKalb and Kendall, are operating around 0% – these are new sites, creating new problem-solving courts that must first go through the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts (AOIC) certification process before they can enroll participants. While three sites discontinued with the ARI due to the budget impasse (McLean, Kankakee and Kane), one of those sites (McLean) has already expressed interest in returning to the ARI network. ARI staff conducted exit interviews with those sites, which will be addressed later in this meeting.

Lindsey shared ARI's hope to create some training opportunities at the site level. From the previous committee meeting on May 5th, board member Mike Torchia suggested prioritizing site training options; ARI staff has tentatively scheduled an Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) training through the University of Cincinnati, which is an evidence-based practice involves integrating cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) work within the probation officer and probationer interaction. This three-day training for probation officers will likely be held in Cook County in mid-December; Peoria County has also expressed interest in an EPICS training. ARI is also working to create a *Moral Reconnection Therapy* (MRT) training, another effective, evidence-based practice used by several sites, for December. These trainings will be

covered through administrative funds. Other tentative opportunities include regional CBT trainings and Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse (CBI-SA), which would take place in January. In addition, ARI is working with experts on the collateral consequences of criminal records to conduct a service provider training. This would involve working with probation departments or other stakeholders in diversion programs, providing a primer on reducing criminal record barriers to employment, records relief through sealing, expungement, and certificates of good conduct/relief from disability. One committee member inquired as to whether there would be any fees associated with a certification process while an individual is incarcerated. Mary Ann mentioned that Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA) has had judges waive fees in the past, but this question will be explored further.

Action Item: ARI staff will consult with CGLA about any fees associated with certification.

Lindsey discussed ARI's exit interviews with discontinued sites. Feedback included: the unstable funding of ARI made it difficult to retain grant funded staff, especially probation officers. Sites mentioned a "spillover effect" – even short-term participation with ARI had an impact on local jurisdictions, such as increasing awareness of alternative sentencing options and risk and needs assessment. Also, sites expressed frustration with the burdensome data reporting process and a desire for multi-year grants, as opposed to the current 12-month grants. Sites expressed interest in expanding ARI eligibility to all probationable – not only non-violent – offenders.

The committee continued discussion on eligibility expansion, noting that this would require editing the language in the Crime Reduction Act. Any changes would continue to be under local control and design, so some sites may choose not to change, but it could assist others counties in providing needed services and supervisions to the highest risk and need clients. Increasing discretion, case-by-case, could be beneficial, noted a committee member. It was noted that different treatment and service options may be needed for those with violent offenses, requiring local program modifications and additional resources.

Action Item: ARI staff will compile a list of violent, probationable offenses in regards to the eligibility expansion conversation.

Discussion of SFY17 planning grant opportunity

Mary Ann opened the discussion on ARI's planning grants. Lindsey shared that there is approximately \$100,000 available in planning grant funds. ARI posted the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) at the end of September, with an initial application deadline of October 31st. Given the busy time of year, a second deadline was created for December 14th. Two applications have been received (LaSalle and Adams); up to five more applications are expected for the second deadline. These applications will need to be reviewed, discussed, and approved in this committee.

Review and approval of SFY17 planning grant applicants – first deadline

As the committee reviewed the two planning grant applications, it was made clear that a structured planning grant review procedure is needed, to ensure Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) compliance and consistency. The LaSalle County application for a

mental health intervention was reviewed first. Following discussion, Emily Cole made the motion, seconded by Lori Roper, to approve LaSalle County's planning grant for \$16,936.00. All in favor. None opposed. LaSalle County's planning grant application was approved.

The committee then reviewed Adams County's planning grant application centering on planning for a mental health court. Emily Cole made the motion to approve Adams County's planning grant for \$29,136.00. Lori Roper seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Adams County's planning grant application was approved.

Discussion of site monitoring activities in SFY17

ARI site visits, which were delayed by the budget impasse, will resume shortly. Priority is being given to Boone, Peoria, and Lake counties, followed by Cook, Sangamon, and Grundy. A comprehensive visit for the 20th Judicial Circuit is also needed. Mary Ann shared that Mary Ratliff, Program Director of the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council, may assist in these visits due to her Springfield location and related expertise in coordinating multidisciplinary teams. ARIOB members are encouraged to participate in these site visits. A committee member recommended creating a calendar of events for stakeholders to plan for these events.

Action Item: ARI staff will submit a calendar of events to committee members regarding site visits and other important opportunities.

Old business/new business

None.

Adjournment

Angelique Orr called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Emily Cole so moved. Lisa Castillo seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

(Approved 12/21/16)