

Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice

Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2018 | 9:30 AM

University of Illinois, 1601 Parkview Avenue, Rockford, Illinois 61107

Illinois Department of Human Services, 401 S. Clinton, 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60607

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Justice Zenoff chaired the Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice (COE) Advisory Board meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM. Justice Zenoff asked COE Assistant Director Matt Kindler to call roll.

Name	Present	Telephone	Absent
Justice Kathryn E. Zenoff, Chair	X		
Ms. Pamela F. Rodriguez, Vice Chair		X	
Judge Paul P. Biebel		X	
Dr. Sharon L. Coleman	X		
Judge Lawrence P. Fox		X	
Dr. Anderson Freeman		X	
Judge Janet R. Holmgren		X	
Ms. Marcia Meis			X
Ms. Carla Paschal			X
Judge Elizabeth A. Robb		X	
Dr. Alex Stagnaro-Green	X		

Also in attendance are Michelle Rock, Matthew Kindler, and Mary Gubbe Lee.

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Lawrence Fox motioned Elizabeth Robb seconded. Approved by voice vote.

III. Discussion

1. Sustainability

i. ICJIA JAG Operations Grant

Ms. Rock reported that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority came out with a notice of funding opportunities for JAG grants. The opportunities are by invitation only to 9 agencies. The dollar amount each agency is eligible for is based on size of service area. The funding opportunity is for a 12 month grant with the possibility of renewing it for two additional years. The Center of Excellence fell into the largest funding category due to servicing the entire state. Ms. Rock informed the board that the grant application was submitted on April 12. The next step, after ICJIA reviews the grants, grants needs to be approved by ICJIA Budget Committee at the June meeting. We won't hear anything until after that meeting. The Center of Excellence asked for 85% funding due to our desire to get out of 100% grant funding to transition to fee-for-service organization. Funding will begin on July 1, 2018 if approved.

Justice Zenoff reported that the grant report that was submitted was very well done.

Ms. Rodriguez discussed the rationale of applying for 85% funding, noting that the sum total of agency requests between the 8 other agencies far exceeded the total available amount of the grant. Ms. Rock reported that we requested approximately \$213,000. She noted that each year we would strive to reduce funding from grant until fully independently funded.

Ms. Rock discussed other agencies who could apply and how they fit into the different funding structures. She noted that the intent of the grant, beyond showing performance, is to become sustainable.

ii. MacArthur Foundation

Ms. Rock submitted materials to MacArthur Foundation on February 8, 2018 and we have not heard anything from the MacArthur Foundation since submitting materials.

Justice Zenoff noted that shortly after submitting materials, the ICJIA grant came out so focus was changed to applying for that grant. Question remains as to what follow up, if any, needs to happen.

Judge Robb will meet with Paula Wolfe today and will discuss what the protocol is for following up to submission. Justice Zenoff noted we need to decide what steps we need to take to continue pursuing funding.

iii. Arnold Foundation

Ms. Rock discussed an additional funding opportunity with the Laura and John Arnold Foundation. It's an open invitation that began in April 2017 but has no deadline or end date. The invitation lists a number of evidence-based practices, but they are not necessarily in line with what the Center of Excellence does. The Foundation works with the criminal justice system, so Ms. Rock noted that we can submit the three-page application if interested.

Judge Robb noted that they are funding pre-trial service programs in McLean County and working with AOIC. It may be possible to reach out to Ms. Meis regarding a contact.

Justice Zenoff noted that Judge Stuckert is on a pre-trial services committee and he may be a better contact than Ms. Meis.

Ms. Rodriguez received an e-mail regarding new criminal justice initiatives. Policing, Pre-Trial Justice, Community Supervision, and Integration. She will forward the e-mail to Ms. Rock.

iv. State Justice Institute

Ms. Rock discussed a grant by the State Justice Institute. They put out a budget request every year. They will give \$200,000-300,000 over six months. The Center of Excellence doesn't completely fit into what they do, but they have an "Intended to Support Training and Technical Assistance" category that we may fit into. They are looking at programs that can be replicated, which the COE can

be in every state. There is a 50% cash match, so it won't fund the entire COE. They have open enrollment with no deadline. Applications will be reviewed each quarter. Next review May 1, which we will not make, and then Aug. 1, which we can make.

v. Healthcare Foundations

Ms. Rock spoke with Dr. Stagnaro-Green who linked her with Laura Knight who does a lot of fundraising for the College of Medicine. Almost all of the healthcare foundations require a 501(c)(3) to obtain money. One of the things that could work is to use the people we train, who are 501(c)(3), to apply for funding through Healthcare Foundations. Ms. Rock is preparing a letter to submit to trainees to encourage them to look for funding in different areas and will include Healthcare Foundations in this letter.

vi. Administrative Office of the Illinois Court Meeting

Justice Zenoff noted that a meeting had been scheduled with the AOIC, but needed to be postponed. Ms. Rock is working with Director Meis to find another date for this meeting. Purpose of the meeting is to look at continuing relationship with the AOIC and COE to provide training to courts.

vii. Department of Corrections Update

Ms. Rock discussed Implicit Bias training that was offered to mental health staff. It was a two-hour training with lots of activities and it was very well received. They have asked us to provide it again to the executive staff.

Dr. Coleman put Ms. Rock in touch with Dr. Hinton and Gladys Taylor who indicated that they had worked previously with the COE to do training. Ms. Rock discussed conversations she is having with DOC administration. That they continue to ask for training, but every time payment for training comes up, it doesn't go anywhere. Ms. Rock noted that there is money available from the lawsuit and that Dr. Hinton and Tim Lawrence are in charge of training and they could make a decision about paying for training. Ms. Rock noted that she will need to be more forceful with asking for funding for training services. Dr. Freeman questioned if Ms. Taylor is still there. Ms. Rock noted she is but Ms. Taylor pushed it back to Dr. Hinton. Ms. Rodriguez testified in the past week or so that they don't have enough money to keep operations going after May. They are \$2 million in the hole. She noted that they would not be able to pay for services before next fiscal year. Ms. Rock noted that she has been approaching people about setting up a training plan for the next fiscal year. Justice Zenoff noted that this needs to be set up in the next few weeks. Ms. Rodriguez noted that they may have more flexibility if something isn't finalized before July 1.

viii. Adult Redeploy Illinois Update

Ms. Rock discussed current training coordination for Adult Redeploy Summit coming up in May. They do have a training budget, but they are not spending it all this year because they did not plan ahead. They are paying for some of Mary Lee's time since she is not fully grant funded. Ms. Rock has spoken with Director Mary Ann Dyar regarding developing a training plan for next year. This year, ARI is holding the Summit, two MRT trainings, and Cincinnati's CCP training. Ms. Rock noted that ARI has about \$75,000 for training in their budget.

2. Other

A discussion was held regarding SAMHSA Trauma Training and that the COE staff are all trained trainers. This information will be included on the website and marketed.

Another thought is to reach out to public health directors association.

Dr. Coleman questioned if we are looking at law enforcement training. Ms. Rock noted it has to go through the law enforcement training board. Judge Robb noted it is likely not worth pursuing.

Judge Robb also questioned whether we have looked at Statewide School Board Association. Justice Zenoff noted that this is a new national trend to make schools and teachers aware of signs and symptoms of mental illness.

Justice Zenoff brought up possibly contacting legislators, which was decided against last meeting. She mentioned that she discussed this with Judge Leifman from Florida, who reported that he has numerous contacts with Florida legislators and whom he receives funding from. Justice Zenoff questioned if we should reach out to legislators now. Ms. Rodriguez discussed that this would mean adding a line item in a budget. We would need to find a legislator or several legislators who would be willing to add \$250,000 to a budget for the COE. Adult Redeploy has a similar line item in the state budget. Justice Zenoff discussed that this should be a long-range plan of sustainability. She noted that in essence, this is what we are talking to the AOIC about – adding a line item for the COE and becoming part of the judicial branch budget. Ms. Rodriguez noted that it is best to keep budget in one line item instead of spread out through different budgets.

Justice Zenoff thanked the Board for their thoughts and support over the past few months in pursuing sustainability for the Center of Excellence.

IV. Director's Report

1. Performance Measurement Report (Jan-March 2018)

Quarterly reports were submitted for January – March 2018. Ms. Rock gave specific numbers for COE activities over the past quarter. 40/102 counties received training, technical assistance, or information over the past three months.

2. Quarterly Executive Summary (Jan-March 2018)

Ms. Rock sent the executive summary to the Board.

3. Fiscal Report (Jan-March 2018)

The COE is set to finish on schedule with the budget. We have about one third of our funding left for this quarter, and Ms. Rock has a plan to use the money before the end of this quarter.

4. Trainings/Presentations

Ms. Rock sent the Board an updated list of trainings and presentations. She discussed training for McHenry County Problem-Solving Courts, NAMI coordination, motivational interviewing for Remedies, training for three Veterans Courts and action planning, and nonviolent crisis intervention.

This quarter we are working with Adult Redeploy Illinois and Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils to provide their summit. Another Goodwill training is coming up. We are coordinating two MRT trainings. We are doing a two-day training for the 2nd

circuit and other smaller counties around them. The COE was contacted by Easterseals to do a couple of trainings in June for professionals and families. We are also getting ready for the ILAPSC conference October 18 and 19. Ms. Rock discussed some details about the ILAPSC conference including secured speakers and topics. Discussed that some members of the COE Board may be contacted to be on a panel for the conference.

Justice Zenoff discussed the importance of training doctors in the area of mental health and trauma. She noted that Judge Leifman is doing this in Illinois today. She discussed possibly setting up something with the College of Medicine to train med students. Ms. Rock discussed conversations that have already occurred with some staff at the College of Medicine to provide some training.

5. Evaluation Plan and Matrix

Ms. Rock discussed that this guides the data that is collected. It develops goals, objectives, and performance measures. It is evaluated and updated each year. Ms. Rock discussed that the grant that was just submitted speaks about data-driven initiative. The Board needs to focus on data to collect for current and future funding.

6. Evaluator

Ms. Rock reported that we do not currently have an evaluator. Ms. Rock is going to talk to the College of Medicine about if the research department is available to provide services to the COE. Justice Zenoff noted that currently the COE staff is compiling data and creating reports.

7. NCJA Award Nomination

Ms. Rock discussed that we were nominated but not selected last year for the NCJA award. It was submitted again this year by Jack Cutron. Ms. Rock is unsure when the award announcement will be made, but it is being awarded at a conference in July.

8. BJA Promising Practice

Ms. Rock discussed changes to grant reporting and that we now submit our information to the federal system instead of ICJIA. She noted that there is a question on the grant report form about if we know of any promising practices. She submitted information about the COE for this. BJA has followed up with this and it is up for final review, and if approved it would be posted on the BJA website as a promising practice.

9. Other

Judge Robb noted that she is very impressed with the work of the COE and all that we are doing. Justice Zenoff seconded that and thanked the COE staff from all of the Board. She noted that the work the COE does is important around the state.

Judge Fox noted Carol Flippen is currently serving on Veterans Court team in connection with a fellowship she is doing with Jesse Brown VA and noted that she would be a great resource in the event that the COE would need someone like that to consult with.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the COE Advisory Board will be July 19, 2018.

Adjourn

Justice Zenoff adjourned the meeting of the Advisory Board at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Kindler, LCSW
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Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice