

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON
 Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Program Board
 Evaluation Subcommittee
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 September 18th, 2020

A present majority of R3PB member/designee positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 5			
Position	Name	Present (by phone)	Absent
R3PB Members/Member Designees			
Expert in Violence Reduction	Kathryn Bocanegra	x	
Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice	Director Heidi Mueller	x	
	Omar Jamil	x	
	Robert Vickery	x	
	NeAngela Dixon		x
	Erin Johnson	x	
Expert in Violence Reduction	David Olson	x	
Elected Official	City Clerk Anna Valencia	x	
Community Provider	Donna Crowder	x	
Formerly Incarcerated (over 24 years of age)	Orlando Mayorga		x
Minority House	Representative Lindsay Parkhurst	x	
Designee (Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority)	Jessica Reichert	x	
Designee (Illinois Department of Human Services)	Paul Stieber	x	
	Douglas Woods		x
Subcommittee Advisors (non-members)			
Advisor, Governor's Office	Mollie Foust	x	
Advisor, Illinois Department of Corrections	Sharon Shipinski		x
Advisor, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority	Justin Escamilla		x
Advisor, University of Chicago	Dr. Reuben Miller		x
Advisor, Illinois Justice project	Paula Wolff	x	
Advisor, Southern Illinois University	Daryl Kroner		
Advisor, University of Chicago Crime Lab	Martin Barron		x
Advisor, University of Chicago Poverty Lab	Carmelo Barbaro	x	
Advisor, University of Illinois Chicago	Henrika McCoy	x	
Advisor, Metropolitan Planning Council	Daniel Cooper	x	
Advisor, Spelman College	Casta Guillaume		x
Lt. Governor's Staff (non-members)			
Legal Assistant	Levi Bain	x	
JEO Initiative Program Manager	Ariana Correa	x	
JEO Initiative Policy Coordinator	Yaacov Delaney	x	
JEO Initiative Policy Coordinator	Emily Harwell	x	
General Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Legislative Affairs	Dartesia Pitts	x	
Chief Operating Officer	Valarie Rand	x	

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Levi Bain called the meeting to order at 9:01AM
- b. Ariana Correa took roll

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- c. Quorum established

II. Motion to Approve Agenda for September 18th, 2020

- a. Moved by David Olson
- b. Seconded by Kathryn Bocanegra
- c. All in favor
- d. No oppositions
- e. No abstentions

III. Member Introductions

- a. Kathryn Bocanegra, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago's Jane Adams College of Social Work
- b. Director Heidi Mueller, Director, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice
- c. Omar Jamil, Senior Policy Advisor, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice
- d. Robert Vickery, Deputy Director of Programs, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice
- e. Erin Johnson, Chief of Staff, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice
- f. David Olson, Professor, Loyola University Chicago
- g. City Clerk Anna Valencia, City of Chicago
- h. Representative Lindsay Parkhurst, Illinois' 79th District
- i. Jessica Reichert, Acting Research Director, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
- j. Paul Stieber, Illinois Department of Human Services
- k. Mollie Foust, Senior Counselor to the Deputy Governors, Illinois Governor's Office
- l. Paula Wolff, Director, Illinois Justice Project
- m. Daryl Kroner, Professor, Southern Illinois University
- n. Carmelo Barbaro, Executive Director, University of Chicago's Poverty Lab
- o. Henrika McCoy, Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago's Jane Adams College of Social Work
- p. Daniel Cooper, Director of Research, Metropolitan Planning Council

IV. New Business

a. Discuss committee purpose and principles

- i. David Olson and Kathryn Bocanegra:
 - 1. Discussed subcommittee purpose and principles
 - 2. Dave Olson provided an overview of the purpose of this Evaluation Subcommittee based on the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act:
 - a. Provide recommendations and guidance on types and format of data to be reported by grantees to support ongoing monitoring and process evaluation of funded programs
 - b. Provide recommendations and guidance on the types of data needed to operationalize the goals of the R3 Program
 - c. Provide recommendations and guidance on the criteria used to identify programs appropriate for formal process and impact evaluations

b. Review statutory requirements

i. Evaluation

- 1. David Olson and Kathryn Bocanegra:
 - a. The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act established the R3 Program Board, articulated its responsibilities, and specified

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its membership composition. The evaluation and monitoring of the R3 Program will be grounded in the goals of the Act, which include: to substantially reduce the total amount of gun violence in Illinois, reduce the total amount of concentrated poverty in Illinois, promote employment infrastructure in Illinois, and promote capacity building related to the social determinants of health—all with special attention paid to those communities hardest hit by the failed war on drugs and decades of disinvestment

ii. R3 Program and Program Board

1. David Olson and Kathryn Bocanegra:

- a. Provided an overview of statutory requirements, per the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, for the R3 Program and the R3 Program Board

c. Review draft evaluation areas and corresponding processes for potential recommendations to the R3 Program Board

i. David Olson and Kathryn Bocanegra:

1. Presented a draft evaluation strategy for implementation by the R3 Program Board
2. There are three draft evaluation buckets:
 - a. Regular and ongoing performance reporting by grantees and grant monitoring by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) for all funded programs
 - b. Macro-level evaluations of the R3 Program's reductions in gun violence, recidivism, poverty, and all other statutorily required issue areas of focus across Illinois. This will look at community-specific data across Illinois
 - c. Formal, comprehensive process and impact evaluations for a sub-set of funded programs

ii. Katherine Bocanegra:

1. Reinforced the importance of advancing equity in the state through the programs that are being funded, but also through the evaluation process. Equity should be reflective in the way that the R3 program Board engages with grantees to access additional resources and understand the challenges they're facing

iii. Daryl Kroner:

1. Does ICJIA have the necessary capacity to conduct necessary R3 Program evaluations?
 - a. Jessica Reichert:
 - i. ICJIA has 3 researchers dedicated towards the R3 Program
 - ii. We need to think through what support looks like from a capacity perspective
 - iii. ICJIA is currently looking at what barriers we may realize as the R3 Program is rolled out
 - iv. The research Justin Escamilla provided Jessica Reichert would be helpful for the efforts involved in the macro-level bucket regarding measuring outcomes such as gun violence reduction. Jessica

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Reichert offered to share this information with the subcommittee

- b. David Olson:
 - i. To add onto this, part of the goal of this subcommittee is understanding what's needed data wise. If there is critical data to be captured from grantees, we need to identify this early on. We also need to think about what data gathering looks like—are we looking at macro- or micro-level data? Legal concerns around what type of data can be provided is also something to consider.
 - ii. ICJIA researchers will not be able to review every program using the same format. This subcommittee will have to come up with ways to evaluate different grantee programs in a way that makes the most sense
- iv. Katherine Bocanegra:
 1. Asked the subcommittee for their recommendations related to the ongoing performance metrics of all the funded programs. Some of the outputs will be designed by the grantees themselves, depending on the funding that they received. This may cause difficulties in evaluation, but it won't be impossible to generate shared metrics across several programs
 - a. Mollie Foust:
 - i. Expressed support for the idea of the 3 evaluation buckets discussed by David Olson and Kathryn Bocanegra
 - ii. The first bucket discussing ongoing evaluation presents an opportunity for communicating with grantees during the evaluation process and finding ways to provide support in areas where they face challenges. This is better than waiting until the end of the grant period. This is different than a traditional grant monitoring program that asks for timely budget compliance or if they had the same number of participants as they had listed on their application. A series of conversations and supports would set the grantee up for success in achieving their goals that could be measured in the other two evaluation buckets
 1. Kathryn Bocanegra:
 - a. I agree
 2. David Olson:
 - a. Part of the ongoing evaluation is about the legal requirements to ensure we capture certain data, but I would also like to see this as a form of process evaluation—as you mention Mollie Foust. The R3 program Board can build in mechanisms by which the programs

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- are able to communicate their successes or challenges in a way that goes beyond the data
 - b. For many researchers, a question that arises includes, how can success/challenge information be solicited in a way that can then be analyzed? There should be a mechanism to document information such as program challenges (e.g. recruitment)
 - c. The R3 program Board needs to think through how we can build on success/challenge knowledge and identify challenges where the state may be able to intervene
 - v. Paula Wolff:
 - 1. There are several members of the R3 Program Board who are service providers. They should participate on this subcommittee
 - vi. Daryl Kroner:
 - 1. Grantees should know the extent of the evaluation upfront, so that they are prepared when the evaluation process does come
 - a. David Olson:
 - i. I agree
 - ii. The evaluation process could provide an opportunity for more training and awareness to be provided to grantees who may have not had as much experience with conducting evaluations. Developing mechanisms to incentivize their participation would be helpful
- vii. Henrika McCoy:
 - 1. As we figure out which reporting mechanisms will be useful, we should also help grantees think about how this process can be translated towards other funding opportunities
- viii. Jessica Reichert:
 - 1. Noted that the Notice of Funding Opportunity that went out earlier this year allowed organizations to relay their own goals and performance measures, which may offer us some insight for this evaluation process
- ix. Kathryn Bocanegra:
 - 1. Asked for feedback on the macro-level evaluation framework
 - a. Jessica Reichart:
 - i. Shared that she could provide David Olson and Kathryn Bocanegra with resources on what's been previously discussed regarding measurements that can be looked at for macro-level evaluations
- x. David Olson:
 - 1. What was envisioned with the formal evaluation (third evaluation bucket) was substantial, long-term, sophisticated efforts to evaluate specific programs or specific constellations of programs

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2. What are subcommittee members' thoughts around the utility of such formal evaluations?
 - a. Paula Wolff:
 - i. Noted that it's an excellent idea and helps folks understand what's effective, what the community has understood in what they were trying to achieve, and the barriers that exist inadvertently or otherwise
 - b. Mollie Foust:
 - i. If there are opportunities and programs that are well primed for RFP-style impact evaluations, which is usually expensive, this would be very important information to add to that field

V. Member Updates

- a. No member updates

VI. Public Comments

- a. No public comments

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion moved by Davis Olson at 9:57AM
- b. Seconded by Kathryn Bocanegra
- c. All in favor
- d. No oppositions
- e. No abstentions