

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON
Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program Board (“R3PB”) Regular Meeting Minutes
October 25th, 2021

A present majority of filled R3PB member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. at least 17 members present				
Member		Attendance		
EX-OFFICIO	OFFICE	IN PERSON	PHONE/ VIDEO	ABSENT
Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton	Office of the Lt. Governor		X	
Sharisse Kimbro (designated by Attorney General Kwame Raoul)	Office of the Attorney General		X	
Vanessa Uribe (designated by Director Sylvia Garcia)	IL Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity		X	
Director Ngozi Ezike	IL Dept. of Public Health			X
Director Rob Jeffreys	IL Dept. of Corrections			X
Director Heidi Mueller	IL Dept. of Juvenile Justice		X	
Dagene Brown (designated by Director Marc Smith)	IL Dept. of Children and Family Services		X	
Acting Director Delrice Adams	Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority		X	
Director Kristin Richards	IL Dept. of Employment Security			X
Secretary Grace Hou	IL Dept. of Human Services		X	
Leader Kimberly Lightford	Majority Senate		X	
Leader Jehan Gordon-Booth	Majority House		X	
Senator Jason Barickman	Minority Senate			X
Representative David Welter	Minority House		X	
ELECTED OFFICIALS		IN PERSON	PHONE/ VIDEO	ABSENT
Vacant				
Mayor of Rockford, Thomas McNamara (or designee Todd Cagnoni)			X	
Mayor of Champaign, Deborah Frank Feinen			X	

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Mayor of Aurora, Richard Irvin				X
Vacant				
City Clerk of Chicago, Anna Valencia (or designee Ariana Garcia)			X	
Alderwoman Susan Sadowski Garza				X
Alderman Michael Scott, Jr.			X	
COMMUNITY PROVIDERS		IN PERSON	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Sylvia Puente			X	
Jalon Arthur			X	
Donna Crowder			X	
Michael Hubbard				X
EXPERTS IN VIOLENCE REDUCTION		IN PERSON	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Dr. David Olson			X	
Dr. Kathryn Bocanegra			X	
FORMERLY JUSTICE INVOLVED — OVER 24 YEARS OF AGE		IN PERSON	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Bethany Little			X	
Marlon Chamberlain				
FORMERLY JUSTICE INVOLVED — 17-24 YEARS OF AGE		IN PERSON	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Anthony Montoya			X	
Vacant				
PERSONS LIVING OR WORKING IN AN R3 AREA		IN PERSON	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
April Curtis			X	

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Pablo Mendoza			X	
Senator Celina Villanueva			X	
Vacant				
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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm
- b. Roll call taken and quorum established

II. Approval of the Agenda for 10/25/21 and the Minutes from 9/15/21

- a. Approval of the agenda for 10/25/21
 - i. Moved by Alderperson Scott, Jr.
 - ii. Seconded by Mayor McNamara
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions
- b. Approval of the minutes from 9/15/21
 - i. Moved by Mayor McNamara
 - ii. Seconded by Acting Director Adams
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions

III. Chairperson’s Remarks

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton opened the floor for State Senator Celina Villanueva, the newest R3PB appointee, to briefly introduce herself
- b. Lt. Governor Stratton opened the floor for Jody Bady of Jehovah Jireh #1 Ministry (R3 Program collaborative grantee) to briefly present on the impact of R3 Program funding on the work of their organization
- c. Lt. Governor Stratton noted the importance of board members completing their annual training per statutory requirement
- d. Lt. Governor Stratton provided some background on the work relevant to the development of the 2nd-round Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”)

IV. New Business

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a. Second-round NOFO presentation/discussion

i. Mitchell Troup of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (“ICJIA”)

1. Mitchell Troup shared a NOFO Fact Sheet with the group at the presentation which contained the information about the structure of the proposed NOFO as well as the recommendations made by the NOFO workgroup which will be incorporated into the NOFOs.
2. The information in the NOFO Fact Sheet discussed by Mitchell Troup included information about upcoming technical assistance that will be provided to all interested organizations, including live webinars on assistance with completing the application, creating a budget, and the collaborative structure as well as performance goals.
3. Mitchell Troup also discussed steps taken to reduce barriers to applying for funds such as longer posting periods for the NOFO, more details asked of the applicant but with less technical terms and asking about the substantive contributions of the organizations. Further discussion about the overarching goal to ask applicants quantitative questions and adjust the flow of the questions in the NOFO. Mitchell Troup also went through the expected timeline of release, posting, and review periods; categories in the NOFO, scoring, and collaborative applications. [Mitchell Troup paused in his discussion of the NOFO to respond to questions by R3PB members; discussion resumed after question from Sylvia Puente.]
4. Mitchell further discussed which organizations would be eligible for receipt of funds; specific questions to obtain more information about collaborative partners; the tiered structure of competition; funding breakdown per tiers and regions; local preference points; inclusion of narrative questions in the performance measure section; and applicant experience and contribution section adjusted to allow for discussion about a grantee’s experience versus their grant management history. Mitchell Troup also informed the group about the restructuring of the question relating to restorative justice to allow for greater responsiveness from organizations.

ii. Clerk Valencia: where are reviewers coming from and how can we support this work?

1. Mitchell Troup: we want reviewers to be from R3 Eligible Areas; people who know the needs of their community and who can recognize how and when those needs will be met through applicant programs

iii. Lt. Governor Stratton: it sounds like if everyone on the Board could identify 10 people to help with reviewing, then this is something we can move forward both quickly and effectively. I also know that this year we’re offering incentives for reviewers, something that wasn’t done during the first round of funding

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- iv. Dr. Bocanegra: if the application is a collaborative, are all applicants required to be GATA (*Grant Accountability and Transparency Act*) compliant?
 - 1. Mitchell Troup: each organization that’s part of the collaborative needs to be minimally eligible for state funding. However, only the lead organization in the collaborative needs to have an account with the GATA system
- v. Sylvia Puente: I didn’t hear anything on how you will promote equity for serving Black and Latino communities. Also, will the highest-ranking organizations be funded at 100 percent, or can all scores over a certain percent (for example, over 95 percent) be considered equally?
 - 1. Mitchell Troup: regarding the equity component, we do have categories outlined in the NOFO fact sheet that we will consider in applicant scoring
 - 2. Blanca Dominguez of ICJIA noted that, as a government entity, the R3 Program cannot make race-based components explicit requirements for funding
 - 3. Sylvia Puente: can you not distribute funds proportionate to the demographics of the populations in need? How do you reconcile what you are sharing versus redistricting guidelines, which to some degree argue for race-based distribution?
 - a. Acting Director Adams noted the limitations on government for race-based programming and noted that the data about the community areas show that R3 areas are predominantly black and brown.
- vi. Vanessa Uribe: have you considered providing assistance to support organizations that do not have their GATA/SAM/etc. before the NOFO launches? This will help interested organizations focus on NOFO-specific requirements during the 60-day posting window rather than eligibility to receive state funds
 - 1. Lt. Governor Stratton: we are asking for organizations right now so they can get GATA certified before the NOFO, so they can focus only on the application
 - 2. Emily Harwell of the Office of Lt. Governor Stratton: ICJIA and the Office of the Lt. Governor have been spreading the word about this online—a self-guided course that provides an overview of the GATA compliance process and how to apply for state grants generally, not just for R3 Program funding. Information about this course will be included in the promotional materials we will share shortly, and we would love the Board’s help in sharing the link with organizations that may benefit. It would be a great start for organizations to take the class before the NOFO opens. You can see the following link for more info: <https://icjia.illinois.gov/grants/technical-assistance/>
- vii. Dr. Bocanegra: could you share more information on the capacity building grants? and how they will be evaluated?

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1. Mitchell Troup: the capacity building grant will ask them to propose ways to identify where they need capacity and how the funding will support a plan to build capacity
- viii. Sylvia Puente: I realize this might be challenging, but can we make sure each team of reviewers includes individuals who are Black and Latino?
 1. Lt. Governor Stratton: I don’t think this can be a guarantee, but it should certainly be a goal
 2. Acting Director Adams: given that reviewers are coming directly from the R3 Eligible Areas, we believe that review panels will be racially/ethnically diverse
- ix. Clerk Valencia: I would also be happy to circulate the job description for reviewers too. Is there a goal we should try to hit across the zones? A percentage of the goal of zones represented around the state. A map of the R3 zones that are a list of zip codes would be helpful to know for the reviewers.
 1. Mitchell Troup: I don’t think we need to set a goal per zone as far as the number of reviewers. I would say though that folks should share the link with networks that would be interested in this work and would do a good job
 2. Acting Director Adams: and for clarity, people may not review applications from the R3 Eligible Areas they come from; they may review applications from other eligible areas
- b. **Motion:** Grant ICJIA the permission to draft and post the NOFOs for the second round of R3 Program funding
 - i. Moved by Dagene Brown
 - ii. Seconded by Sharisse Kimbro
 - iii. 21 in favor
 1. Bethany Little was present for this meeting but did not vote for this motion
 - iv. 1 abstention
 1. Sylvia Puente

V. Member Updates

- a. No updates provided

VI. Public Comments

- a. S.L. Owens: I’m a co-founder of Law & the Fam (a 1st-round R3 Program grantee). We are doing a community technical assistance program on Thursday via Webinar, so if anyone would like this information, we’re happy to share this.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn moved by Mayor McNamara by 2:23 pm
- b. All in favor
- c. No opposition
- d. No abstentions