

NORTH RIVER EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
PROGRAM GOVERNING COMMISSION

St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall
3857 N. Kostner Avenue, Chicago, IL

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

Commission Members

Joyce Zick, President	Rosemary Tirio, Secretary- late	Mary Sheehan - Treasurer
Roger McGill - absent	Joan Liautaud - absent	Gloria Centeno - absent
Mary Tinich	Archbishop Dr. Jacob Agepog	
Also present: Roger AbiNader, Admin Asst./Bookkeeper present Community: Mike Snedeker, Coalition to Save Our Mental Health Centers		

I. WELCOME

President Zick called the meeting to order at 7:10

President Zick welcomed the Commissioners and public and introduced the newest appointment to the Commission: Archbishop Dr. Jacob Agepog.

The Commission is into its second year. President Zick noted a number of accomplishments.

Key Accomplishments of the Commission

- Established the first ever EMHSP that led to the opening of the Kedzie Center and the availability of the first new public mental health services in decades.
- Established the taxing district, levied over \$1 million in funds, developed a responsible budget that is focused on providing the most funding for services as possible.
- Completed and adhered to all legal requirements of the Community Expanded Mental Health Services Act.
- Performed all these functions in a transparent way that allowed community feedback and gives the taxpayers any information necessary to understand how the program is working.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 20, 2105

Under VI. New Business, the date for the Community Night was May 27, 2015.

Motion to approve as corrected: M. Tinich. Second: Archbishop Agepog.
Passed unanimously.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mary Sheehan is the new Treasurer. She met with the out-going Treasurer, Carole Spreitzer to review the bank accounts, learn and understand the operations and functions of the Treasurer and become familiar with calendar for requesting and receiving tax levies.

M. Sheehan prefers to eliminate the utilization of a debit card and will make a motion at the next board meeting. She will check with the Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper regarding the efficacy of utilizing a debit card for incidental purchases and paying recurring bills like the cell phone.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

President Zick announced the appointments to the three on-going committees:

Program Services

Chair: Gloria Centeno; members: Roger McGill, Joyce Zick.

Personnel:

Chair: Mary Sheehan; Members: Rosemary Tirio, Candace Gabriel.

Finance and Tax Levy Committee

Chair: Mary Tinich; members: Archbishop Agepog, Joan Liautaud.

The By-Laws Committee remains as a committee and can meet on occasion and when the need arises to address changes and additions to the Commission's bylaws.

With respect to the recent appointments, Mary Sheehan inquired as to whether they received a complete orientation including the ethics "class" offered on the Illinois Attorney General's website. The Commissioners will be provided with information at the next meeting on what is required of them.

a. Program Services Committee Report

Community Night, May 27, 2015, held by the Kedzie Center was very successful. It was well attended with participants representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders and community members, including families. Two consumers talked about their life experience and their journeys to wholeness.

b. Building and Personnel Committee Report

Roger AbiNader signed a revised contract with the Commission providing services as an independent contractor for a fixed amount per month.

c. Finance and Tax Levy Committee Report

No new information to report.

I. NEW BUSINESS AND NEXT MEETING

The Treasurer will have completed the transition to new signature cards and contact information. The Treasurer will have a decision and recommendation on using a debit card.

Next meeting: July 15, 2015, at the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None offered.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Mary Sheehan. Second: Rosemary Tirio. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 8:01 PM

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