

MEETING OF THE NORTH RIVER EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
PROGRAM GOVERNING COMMISSION—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014

The meeting of the North River Expanded Mental Health Services Governing Commission was convened at 7 p.m. by Commission President Joyce Zick, at the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Gloria Centeno, Joan Liataud, Roger McGill, Pastor Wilfredo Santiago, Mary Shehan, Carole Spreitzer, Mary Tinich, and Rosemary Tirio.

Commission President Zick mentioned that Commissioners Tinich and Tirio had been reappointed by Gov. Pat Quinn for three-year terms. Commissioner Rev. Santiago's first term will come up for reappointment in May. In accordance with the Commission by-laws, a letter will be sent to Mayor Emanuel requesting his reappointment.

Commissioner McGill moved to approve the minutes of the January 15 meeting. Commissioner Rev. Santiago seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tinich, chairman of the PTELL Committee, reported that the Referendum has been submitted to the Board of Elections and that it is on the ballot. It may be viewed by going to Google, Board of Elections, and click on sample ballots.

Commissioner Spreitzer, Chairman of the Financy & Tax Levy Committee, reported that all necessary documents have been submitted. The Committee is now awaiting the approval of the March 18 PTELL referendum ballot which will allow the \$601,034 to be released to the Commission in August.

Commissioner Centeno, Chairman of the Programs and Services Committee, gave a background of the events leading up to this evening when the service provider for the Expanded Mental Health Services Program is to be chosen by the Governing Committee. The Program Service Committee hosted two initial review sessions on January 7th and 10th. On January 15th, after a thorough examination, the full Commission approved two organizations- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and Expanded Mental Health Services of Chicago NFP- to be further interviewed. On February 11th, the Commission interviewed representatives from both organizations about their proposal.

Commissioner Centeno then moved that the Commission select the Expanded Mental Health Services of Chicago, NFP as the mental health services provider. Commissioner Tirio seconded the motion. Discussion ensued during which the merits of the two finalists were discussed.

Commission President Zick called for the vote which was unanimously in favor of Expanded Mental Health Services of Chicago NFP. Commissioner Zick said that letters of declination would be sent to all the providers who presented proposals. As required by the Community Expanded Mental Health Services Act, a written notice of the decision will be provided to the Mayor, Governor, and voters of the territory.

The next meeting will be March 19, 2014.

Commissioner Tinich moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Liataud seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Tirio
Secretary

