

MEETING OF THE NORTH RIVER EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
PROGRAM GOVERNING COMMISSION—WEDNESDAY, March 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, Roger McGill, Pastor Wilfredo Santiago, Mary Tinich, and Rosemary Tirio. Commissioners Joan Liautaud, Mary Shehan, and Carole Spreitzer were absent.

Commission President Zick opened the meeting. Commissioner Tinich asked for clarification as to the length of the renewed terms of herself and Commissioner Tirio. President Zick responded that regular terms for all commissioners is three years.

Commissioner McGill moved that the minutes of the February 19 Commission meeting be approved. Commissioner Tinich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tinich, chairman of the PTELL (Property Tax Extension Limitation Law) said that the PTELL Referendum passed by 73.9% according to the totals provided by the Chicago Board of Elections website. A final vote total and result is normally approved by the Board of Elections in the coming weeks.

Reporting for the absent Commissioner Spreitzer, chairman of the Finance and Tax Committee, Commission President Zick noted that the Finance Committee will continue discussions with the County Clerk's office so that the Commission can receive the 2013 tax levy funds as early as possible.

Commissioner Centeno, Chairman of the Program and Services Committee, reported that the Committee sent a letter to the Governor and Mayor informing them that the Commission has selected the Expanded Mental Health Services NFP as the chosen service provider. Copies of this letter were made available to the voters of the North River territory and copies were made available again at the meeting to any members of the public. Letters of declination were also sent to the six other service providers who applied to be our service provider. At the next meeting of the committee they will develop a contract for the service provider which they will present to the Commission at the next meeting.

President Zick requested that, since the PTELL Referendum had passed, the PTELL Committee assume the duty of assisting in finding a suitable location for the proposed clinic. Commissioner Tinich, chairman of the former PTELL Committee, accepted the assignment.

President Zick reported that a citizen had made a Freedom of Information request for the most recently approved minutes and the upcoming meeting dates. Discussion ensued regarding the Commission's obligation to provide such information to the public. President Zick said that she would look further into the matter so that the Commission responded promptly was properly guided in future requests.

Commissioner McGill asked if there is a target date for opening the proposed facility. Commissioner Zick responded that it should be the goal of the Commission to begin providing services as soon as possible as directed by the wishes of the voters.

Commissioner Centeno, chairman of the Programs and Services Committee, responded that every committee of the Commission has worked on meeting their own particular goals and so have been able so far to meet the goals targeted. Commissioner Santiago suggested that the Commission needs to strategize a plan to present to the Board so that the Commission will not have to be reactive. President Zick noted that we will have a full report from the Finance Committee at our next meeting. Commissioner McGill noted that our service providers seemed very receptive and willing to help us achieve our goals.

President Zick opened up the floor for public comment. No members of the public chose to speak.

Commissioner Centeno moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Commissioner Santiago seconded the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Tirio
Interim Secretary

