

MEETING OF THE NORTH RIVER EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
PROGRAM GOVERNING COMMISSION—WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 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, Mary Tinich, and Rosemary Tirio, Joan Liautaud, Mary Shehan, and Carole Spreitzer. Commissioner Wilfredo Santiago was absent.

Commission President Zick opened the meeting.

Commissioner McGill moved that the minutes of the April 16th Commission meeting be approved. Commissioner Tinich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Centeno presented the Program Services Committee report. The Program Services Committee made the suggested changes to the contract from the prior Commission meeting and sent the approved copy to the selected service provider. The Committee then met with the service provider at their May committee meeting to discuss and finalize the contract. The provider suggested a change to Article 4 of the contract to clarify their role as the lessee of the property and define the liability insurance that will be required on the property. Commissioner Centeno reported that the Committee approved the changes and felt they were directly in line with the wishes of the Commission discussed at the April 16 meeting. After discussion, Commissioner Centeno presented a motion that the contract be approved as presented, Commissioner Tirio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Centeno then stated that she would send the provider the finalized contract to be signed.

Commissioner Tinich presented the Building Committee report to the Commission. Commissioner Tinich stated that although Building Committee would not be spearheading the search for a location to provide services, they would remain ready to work with the provider and give feedback on potential locations as necessary. Additionally, the Commission will require a small office space for its two budgeted part-time staff members; the Building Committee will be working to find a suitable location for this space over the summer. President Zick thanked Commissioner Tinich for the report.

Commissioner Spreitzer provided the Finance Committee report. The technical correction that is required in order for the Cook County Clerk to collect the tax funds is currently awaiting the signature of the Governor. Once the correction is signed, Commissioner Spreitzer will talk with Mr. Bill Vaselopoulos in the Clerk's Office to determine what the Commission needs to do to be ready to receive the new funds. Commissioner Spreitzer indicated that she would like to schedule a meeting with Mr. Vaselopoulos and the Finance Committee members during June, if he is willing to do so. She indicated that there would be more to report at the next Commission meeting.

Commission President Zick then proceeded to open the floor to new business. Hearing no new business, Commission President Zick stated that she intended to invite the service provider to attend the next Commission meeting to discuss the start-up of the new mental health services. Also, the next Commission meeting will be held on June 18th at 7:00PM at the same location.

Commissioner Zick opened the floor to public comment. No members of the public chose to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Tirio
Interim Secretary