

NORTH RIVER EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
PROGRAM GOVERNING COMMISSION

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

WEDNESDAY, September 17, 2015

Commission Members Present:

Joyce Zick, President	Rosemary Tirio, Secretary	Mary Shehan, Treasurer
Rev. Jacob Agepog	Candace Gabriel	Gloria Centeno
Mary Tinich	Joan Liautaud	
Absent: Roger McGill		
Also present: Roger AbiNader, Admin. Asst./Bookkeeper		
Community: Mike Snedeker, Coalition to Save Our Mental Health Centers		

- I. WELCOME
President Zick called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
Roll call. Listed above.

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 15 MEETING.
Motion to approve: Commissioner Shehan
Second: Commissioner Agepog
Passed unanimously.

- III. TREASURER'S REPORT
Treasurer Shehan reported that current assets are \$548,491.84. She requested authority to close the Commission's account at Wintrust Bank and to distribute the funds to the providers for their use as required by the Commission agreement with the provider. President Zick requested that she submit the request and motion in writing so that it can be included in the October meeting agenda.

- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES
 - a. Program Services Committee Report
Chairman Centeno reported that she spoke with Dr. Angela Sedeno, executive director of the Kedzie Center, who said that the staff has made extensive updates including initiating a program for children and hiring new staff members including two clinical therapists, two social workers, a psychologist, two part-time coordinators and a *pro bono* adult psychiatrist. Two of the newly hired personnel have experience in early childhood intervention and two student interns also speak Korean. They have also reached out to the schools they did not reach last year and they have started a program in domestic violence as well as a veterans' support group in conjunction with Northeastern Illinois University and North Park University. They have also established a parenting class and a support group for caregivers. They have constructed three new offices at the Center to accommodate the additional staff. They will be meeting with the Program Services Committee over the coming month to present their annual audit. The Committee will report at the next meeting.

 - b. Building and Personnel Committee Report
Commissioner Shehan said she will set a date for the Finance and Personnel Committees to meet to discuss the increased funds in the Commission's account. At the meeting, they will discuss a plan to close at least one of the three bank accounts and to develop a plan to disburse the additional funds to maximize services in the community.

She has sent a second request to the County requesting that an email be sent to the commission's email address with every distribution of funds.
She also suggested that the facility for the commission office be changed because the current office is not in good repair.

- c. Finance and Tax Levy Committee Report
Commissioner Tinich said the levy submitted to the County Clerk is due December 29 and a Budget Ordinance must also be submitted to the Clerk's office. If the levy amount, the total amount to be collected this coming year, reflects less than a 5% increase, it is not subject to further requirements defined in the PTELL statute. Using this information, the proposed levy amount is set at \$595,885. She will put a notice in the Nadig newspapers announcing the annual budget hearing. Copies of the proposed budget were made available to all Commissioners and members of the public present at this point. The budget meeting will take place at the November 18 Commission meeting.

VI NEW BUSINESS and NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: October 21, 2015, at the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None offered.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Commissioner Centeno, Second: Commissioner Tinich
Approved unanimously.
Adjournment: 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Tirio,
Secretary