

MEETING OF THE NORTH RIVER EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM  
GOVERNING COMMISSION—WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2013

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 Commission members were in attendance: Gloria Centeno, Pastor Wilfredo Santiago, Mary Shehan, Carole Spreitzer, Mary Tinich, Rosemary Tirio. Commissioners Joan Liautaud and Roger McGill were absent.

Commissioner Tinich of the PTELL Committee reported that the Committee will be having a conference call with Jenner and Block attorneys on Friday. She asked them to look over the wording of the PTELL referendum and will email it to them on Thursday, Oct. 17 in anticipation of the meeting. The Committee will also review the procedures and requirements for submitting the PTELL referendum. She also said that we need to get a letter to the Governor regarding the expiring commission terms. President Zick will send the re-nomination letters to the Governor.

Commissioner Spreitzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, distributed the revised description of the North River Expanded Mental Health Services Program Territory. She reported on the meeting she had with Bill Vaselopulos, Manager, Tax Extension and Accounting, Office of the Cook County Clerk. The levy amount which will be based on the 2012 property taxes is \$601,034. She added that we may not get that exact amount of money as the amount we get will be based on the 2013 property taxes which have not yet been levied. We may get less, but \$601,034 is the maximum amount we will be allowed to ask for.

Commissioner Spreitzer moved that the proposed tax levy amount of \$601,034 be approved and placed as the proposed levy amount in the Commission's Truth in Taxation notice. Commissioner Centeno seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Spreitzer distributed the Truth in Taxation Notice which calls for a Levy Hearing and which is to be posted between November 6-13 in a local newspaper. A public meeting to approve the proposed property tax levy increase for the North River Expanded Mental Health Services Program for 2013 will be held on November 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Avenue, Chicago, IL.

She also distributed the Budget Hearing requirements and Notice to be posted by November 18, 30 days prior to the budget hearing. The hearing will take place on December 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Commissioner Spreitzer further explained that because the funds would not be available until September 2014, the budget amount of \$200,056 was based on four months and the remaining \$400,978 will be carried over to the following year. She noted that the Community Expanded Mental Health Services Act requires that 85% of the budget must go for direct service provider(s). \$170,333 will go for the Direct Services Provider Contract. An additional \$29,723 will go for Administrative Expenses. Funds will also be available to assist the Service Provider(s) with rent, phone, utilities and other expenses. The commission would also likely have an office in the same area as the clinic and funds for basic equipment and a website will also come from the proposed budget.

Commissioner Tinich moved that the proposed budget be approved. Commissioner Tirio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Spreitzer moved to accept the Truth in Taxation Levy and Hearing notices with any suggested changes from the lawyers, and Commissioner Santiago seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Commissioner Centeno, Chairman of the Program Services Committee, presented the 8-page draft of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and described the timeline which includes posting the RFP on October 21, 2013, on the website dealing with RFPs and distributing the RFP through email contacts of service

providers. The Committee will be accepting applications until the due date of December 31, 2013, (applications will be sent to St. John's) and the anticipated contract start date of August 1, 2014.

Commissioner Shehan suggested some websites where our RFP might be posted.

Commissioner Spreitzer moved that the Request for Proposals be approved. Commissioner Tirio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Under New Business, Commissioner Shehan noted that she had received a communication from Juleigh Nowinski of the Public Health Department requesting a phone interview on Friday, Oct. 19. Commissioner McGill received a similar communication.

#### Public Comment

Michael Snedeker of the Coalition to Save Our Mental Health Centers said that the budget must be made available to the public and that the Commission Secretary must supply the public with copies of the budget upon request. He also suggested that the Commission Secretary be contacted by persons who wish to testify at future hearings, and that commissioners who are unable to attend future meetings should contact the Commission Secretary.

Commissioner Tinich moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Santiago seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Tirio  
Interim Secretary