

MEETING OF THE NORTH RIVER EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM  
GOVERNING COMMISSION—WEDNESDAY, November 20, 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: Joan Liataud, Roger McGill, Mary Shehan, Carole Spreitzer, Mary Tinich, Rosemary Tirio. Commissioner Wilfredo Santiago entered at 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Gloria Centeno, was absent.

Commissioner Spreitzer asked that the minutes of the October 16 meeting be amended to include the word "phone" to describe the meeting she conducted with Bill Vaselopulos of the Cook County Clerk's office. Commissioner McGill moved that the amended minutes of the October 16 meeting be approved. Mary Tinich seconded the motion, and the October 16 minutes were approved unanimously.

Commissioner Tinich chairman of the PTELL Committee reported that her committee conducted a conference call with the Jenner and Block attorneys working with our commission. The lawyers are studying the revised wording of the PTELL referendum and will also clearly define the process we will need to go through to submit the referendum in time for the Dec. 30 due date. They will finalize the language, which will probably be substantially the same as the language submitted to them, and the process by Dec.18 to insure our timely submission of the referendum.

Commissioner Spreitzer, Chairman of the Finance & Tax Levy Committee, reported that that committee had not held a meeting as there was no business to conduct. The legal definition of the territory to be taxed has been submitted, and they have placed two notices, one regarding the tax levy and the other announcing the budget hearing, in the Nadig Newspapers.

Commissioner McGill delivered the report of absent Commissioner Gloria Centeno, Chairman of the Program Services Committee. Requests for Proposals have been posted at several websites including the Department of Human Services. December 31 is the deadline for submissions. The RFP's will be submitted at St. John's Episcopal Church. The next meeting of the Program & Services Committee is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 4 at 4 p.m. The committee will begin to discuss how they will review proposals. Other members of the Governing Commission are urged to attend this important meeting, as their input and feedback would be considered by the committee as they attempt to decide upon a prospective service provider.

Commissioner Sheehan said that a proposal is being worked on by a consortium of Swedish Covenant Hospital and Lutheran Social Services. Commissioner Liataud also informed the Commission that her employer, Heartland Alliance, was in the process of developing a proposal. Both Commissioners indicated that they have not been involved in the proposal process due to their position on the Commission.

Commissioner Spreitzer made a clarifying remark indicating that the exact amount of the tax levy may be slightly different from the \$601,034 because that sum is based on the tax revenue collected in 2012. The amount that we will receive will be based on the tax revenue collected in 2013 and could potentially be less, but no more, than the approved levy amount.

Commissioner Zick then convened the Truth in Taxation Hearing and started off by explaining that the proposed levy amount of \$601,034 was the amount provided by the Cook County Clerk's Office and tracks exactly to the .004 rate approved by the voters on the November 6, 2012 referendum question. The Commission then opened the floor to public testimony on the proposed levy amount.

Following the public testimony, President Zick indicated that the Commission would wait until the next Commission meeting before considering and having a final vote on the proposed levy amount. She thanked all members of the public present.

Commission President Zick said the next meeting will be on December 18.

Commissioner Tinich moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Liataud seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Tirio  
Interim Secretary