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Title:	Call for hearing(s) concerning closing of City of Chicago mental and public health clinics
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Health and Environmental Protection

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CLOSING OF CITY OF CHICAGO MENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS

WHEREAS, access to appropriate mental health services for all citizens in need is essential to the general well-being of the entire City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City of Chicago's mental health clinics were spared from proposed closings after hearing the concerns of a broad coalition of community organizations, advocacy groups, labor unions, health care workers, and concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 City of Chicago Budget's provision for the closing of six mental health clinics raised many questions and concerns from Members of the Chicago City Council; and

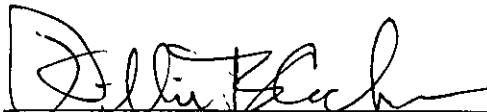
WHEREAS, Advocacy groups have noted that the consolidation of the city mental health clinics may result in an increase in emergency room visits and jails, with additional costs in tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Chicago City Council have also expressed concern for patients who may have to travel long distances in order to obtain services; and

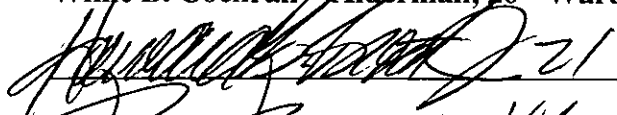
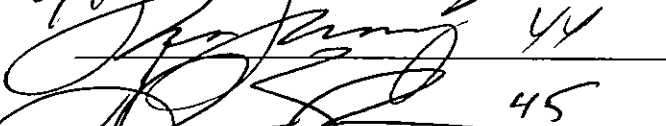
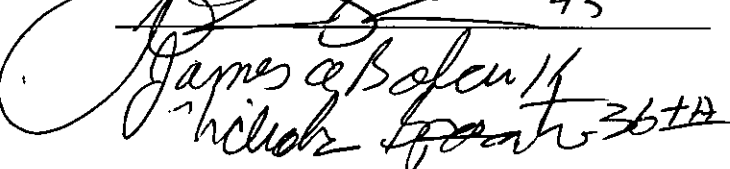
WHEREAS, the City's mental health workers who stand to lose their jobs with the reduction in clinics stand to face greater economic hardship;

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon this body to explore every avenue available to ensure access to quality health care; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Alderman Willie B. Cochran calls on the Committee on Health and Environmental Protection to hold aldermanic briefings and public hearings are held and take public comment and expert testimony from the Department of Public Health and other sources to ensure that clients will continue to have access to care; and


Willie B. Cochran - Alderman, 20th Ward

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