



WHEREAS, several community areas in Chicago have passed referenda to fund new mental health clinics which may alleviate the service gaps in some areas formerly served by City of Chicago mental health clinics and which creates a need for a comprehensive assessment to identify areas of greatest need for new and/or expanded services; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established an advisory task force entitled the Public Mental Health Clinic Service Expansion Task Force, the members of which shall be appointed by the Chair of the Committee on Health and Environmental Protection within 30 days of passage. The members of this task force shall include two aldermen from wards which contained one of the six mental health clinics closed in 2012, two designees of the Chicago Department of Health, two designees of American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 31, and two designees of the Chicago Community Mental Health Board.

SECTION 2. The task force shall (1) draft a request for proposal for a comprehensive study to determine which community areas shall be prioritized for re-opening mental health clinics and identifying budgetary, and operational recommendations for expanding and improving services at existing facilities; and (2) shall select a third-party research entity to conduct the study.

SECTION 3. The Chair of the Committee on Health and Environmental Protection shall, within 45 days of passage, schedule a public hearing to receive public comment from the community on the question of identifying geographic and service areas of greatest need for expanded mental health services.

SECTION 4. Based upon the findings of the study and public comments received, the task force shall report recommendations for action to the Committee on Health and Environmental Protection and the Committee on Budget and Governmental Operations within 180 days of passage.

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