

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET: 04-00342

IN RE: Docket for the Purpose of Receiving Petitions for Designation of Statewide 211 Providers Pursuant to Public Chapter 762 of the Acts of 2004

DATE: March 10, 2006

On May 24, 2004, Chapter No. 762 of the Public Acts of 2004 became effective, establishing a process to designate an entity to serve as the 2-1-1 Collaborative to run a statewide 2-1-1 social services referral network. Chapter 762 was codified in two sections of the Tennessee statutes: Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-117(b) and § 65-4-301(a)(2). Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-117(b) directs the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") to designate a Collaborative, based on either the petition of an entity seeking such designation or based on the TRA's motion. The TRA issued a Notice of Filing on November 1, 2004 seeking petitions from interested entities and on November 22, 2004 the Tennessee Alliance of Information & Referral Systems ("TNAIRS") filed the only petition seeking designation. At a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on December 13, 2004, the Directors voted unanimously to designate TNAIRS as the 2-1-1 Collaborative for Tennessee.

Tenn. Code Ann. §65-4-301(a)(2) permits the TRA to allocate to the 2-1-1 Collaborative a one-time grant in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to defray the start-up costs of establishing the statewide social services referral service. TNAIRS has filed in this docket its request seeking this one-time grant of \$400,000. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-301(a)(2), public utilities in Tennessee are afforded the opportunity to raise objection in advance of the TRA's consideration of the grant request of TNAIRS.

The TRA will be considering the allocation of a grant to TNAIRS during an Authority Conference scheduled for **Monday, March 20, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.** Any public utility desiring to raise objection to such grant may do so by filing a written objection or by attending the meeting scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. All written objections must be filed in this docket to the attention of Chairman Ron Jones, not later than **Friday, March 17, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.**

This matter will be heard on **Monday, March 20, 2006, at 1:00 p.m.** (central) in the Hearing Room on the Ground Floor at 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee. Participants with disabilities who require special accommodations or alternate communications formats should contact the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ADA-EEO/AA Coordinator/Officer at 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505, 1-800-342-8359 or TDD (615) 741-3930, so that reasonable accommodations can be made.

FOR THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY,


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