

**PHONE CONTACT – NEIGHBORHOOD RECOVERY INITIATIVE**

- **Date:** December 4, 2012
  - **Time:** 9:45 - 9:50 a.m.
  - **Contact:** Rosanna Ander, Executive Director, University of Chicago Crime Lab
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*Introduction and Purpose*

Maziarz learned through a conversation with Toni Irving and Era Lauder milk at the Governor's Office that the University of Chicago Crime Lab offered to do pro bono work on the evaluation of NRI. He called Rosanna Ander, Executive Director - University of Chicago Crime Lab, to discuss why the Crime Lab did not conduct the evaluation.

*Discussion*

Ander said she had conversations with the Governor's Office and IVPA Executive Director Barbara Shaw regarding the evaluation of NRI. She said the Crime Lab was interested in conducting the evaluation because they are interested in learning what works and what does not work with these types of violence prevention programs. Ander said she contacted Shaw and offered to have the Lab conduct the evaluation at no charge. She said Shaw declined her offer. Maziarz questioned whether or not Shaw gave a reason why. Ander said no, just that Shaw said she decided to go a different direction. Ander said that was fine with the Lab and she was not going to "lobby" Shaw to do the work.

Ander further stated that in her "proposal" to Shaw regarding the evaluation, she made it very clear that it was going to be an objective evaluation and the goal was to conclude whether or not, through the evaluation, the Program is or is not effective. Ander further stated that the evaluation would include a cost benefit analysis including a determination of whether the Program was an effective use of resources. Ander said she got the feeling that Shaw was not interested in whether or not the evaluation concluded the effectiveness of the Program.

Maziarz told Ander that IVPA has a contract with UIC for \$500,000 to conduct the evaluation. Ander could not believe the amount UIC is getting paid to do the evaluation.