



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Conwell asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Sweeney, Turner and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Stephens arrived after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the committee regarding the importance of funding the various Fatherhood Initiative programs and resources.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 6, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0128: A Resolution making awards on RQ13809 to a Master Contract with various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,444,625.00 for various programs and resources for the Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative for the period 4/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Agreement No. 4278 with The MetroHealth System in the amount not-to-exceed \$77,875.00 for the Boot Camp for New Dads program.
- 2) Contract No. 4269 with Career Development and Placement Strategies, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$180,000.00 for the Rising Above program.
- 3) Contract No. 4267 with The Children's Museum of Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$58,000.00 for the Through Dad's Count program.
- 4) Contract No. 4265 with Circle Health Services dba The Centers in the amount not-to-exceed \$145,250.00 for the Families and Fathers Together program.
- 5) Contract No. 4270 with JDC Advertising in the amount not-to-exceed \$127,500.00 for a Public Awareness Campaign.
- 6) Contract No. 4172 with Journey Center for Safety and Healing in the amount not-to-exceed \$209,750.00 for the Safe and Sound Visitation Center.
- 7) Contract No. 4279 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the amount not-to-exceed \$108,000.00 for the Strong Fathers program.
- 8) Contract No. 4274 with Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$80,000.00 for the Fathers in the Ring program.
- 9) Contract No. 4271 with Passages Connecting Fathers and Families, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$180,000.00 for the Jobs for Dads program.
- 10) Contract No. 4273 with Towards Employment, Incorporated in the amount not-to-exceed \$180,000.00 for the Fatherhood Career Pathway program.
- 11) Contract No. 4275 with University Settlement Slavic Village, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$98,250.00 for the Healthy Fathering program.

Mr. Al Grimes, Fatherhood Initiative Program Administrator for the Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. Sara Albrecht, Childbirth Education Coordinator for The MetroHealth System; Mr. Joseph Hewitt, Owner of JDC Advertising; Ms. Heather Brissett, Vice President of Community Wellness, Chief Program Officer and Mr. Nate

Phillips, Program Manager for Murtis Taylor Human Services System; Mr. Max Rodas, Executive Director of Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center; Dr. Brian Moore, President and Chief Executive Officer of Passages Connecting Fathers and Families, Inc.; and Mr. Markis Jordan, Program Director of University Settlement Slavic Village, LLC, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0128. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Grimes, Ms. Albrecht, Mr. Hewitt, Ms. Brissett, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Rodas, Dr. Moore and Mr. Jordan pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2024-0128 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

Ms. Conwell, Stephens, Turner, Mr. Miller and Mr. Sweeney requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Miller shared that April is Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, where we wear blue in solidarity with that effort, and encouraged everyone to do all they can to increase awareness about the need for prevention.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m., without objection.