



**Cuyahoga County Women's Health Commission**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, March 13, 2025 | 9:00 AM**

**Administrative Headquarters, 2079 E. Ninth Street**

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor – Committee Room B**

The public may also view the meeting via live-stream by using the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/cuyahogacounty>

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Moment of Silence and Reflection**
- 4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. New Business**
  - a. Strategic Priorities Discussion and Vote
  - b. Medicaid Policy Update
- 7. Next Meeting**
  - a. June 12th, 2025 at 9:30am
- 8. Adjournment**



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### **Minutes**

**Thursday, November 21, 2024 | 9:00 AM**

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**4<sup>th</sup> Floor – Committee Room B**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Tenille Kaus at 9:10am

#### **2. Roll Call**

In attendance: Dr. Lauren Beene, Heather Brissett, County Councilwoman Yvonne Conwell, Emily Campbell, Dr. Melanie Golembiewski, Councilwoman Tenille Kaus, Jazmin Long, David Merriman, Dr. Connie Moreland, Councilwoman Nakeisha Nickerson, County Executive Chris Ronayne, Councilwoman Jasmin Santana

Absent: Mayor Kim Thomas

#### **3. Moment of Silence and Reflection**

#### **4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Heather Brissett motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting; Jazmin Long seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **5. Public Comment**

No public comments were received

#### **6. New Business**

- a. Cuyahoga County Women's Health Assessment

Emily Campbell from the Center for Community Solutions and Chinenye (ChiChi) Nkemere and Bethany Studenic from Enlightened Solutions addressed the commission to present on the findings of the Cuyahoga County Women's Health Assessment. This report was put together by the Center for Community Solutions in partnership with Enlightened Solutions. They also pulled data on the health of cis- and transgender women from the recent Cuyahoga LGBTQ+ assessment.

This report looks at the current conditions for women and people who identify as women in our community and provides a comprehensive overview of health of women in Cuyahoga County. Cuyahoga County has a much more ethnically diverse population than the rest of the State of Ohio and this report shows that the health needs change for the women in our community at different age groups, ethnicities, geographies, income levels, and more.

Enlightened Solutions shared an overview of their organization and their focus on the lived experiences of Black Women in Northeast Ohio. They reviewed their methodology with Project Noir data and shared that they surpassed their response rate goals with more than 1,324 women responding – nearly tripling their 2020 response rates.

Major themes include:

- Health conditions and outcomes vary among women by age, income, race, and gender identity. The reports show that women have experience being spoken down to about their symptoms and have experienced misogyny in healthcare and the impacts are widespread, especially among black women.
- Reproductive health continues to be an important issue for women in Cuyahoga County.
- In healthcare, women have reported themes of poor bedside manner and overt callousness from providers, oversexualization, and anti-black stereotypes.

Following the presentation, the commission members began a discussion on potential solutions and ways to address these issues. Councilwoman Conwell shared about the importance of educating women that the way they are being treated is not right and offered the suggestion of

information materials or commercials. The Enlightened Solutions team addressed education initiatives and suggested Patient navigators as a proposed solution. The commission agreed that beginning to share the report with providers would be a good next step.

Dr. Moreland asked about the current process for report this across institutions in real time and the suggestion of a hot line that one can call at the point of care was brought up. More discussion was held about the importance of circulating this report in hospitals with providers. Questions were raised about what else this group can do at a policy level to address these issues, perhaps including more reporting on outcomes for providers with a ratings and rankings system.

The Enlightened Solutions team was asked to come back to the next meeting for further discussion on these issues and potential solutions. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

## **7. Next Meeting**

### **a. February 20th, 2025**

Chair Tenille Kaus shared that the next meeting of this Commission is scheduled for February 20, 2025. More information about that meeting will be sent out by the Clerk following the meeting.

## **8. Adjournment**

Councilwoman Nakeisha Nickerson motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jazmin long seconded. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10.59am.