



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

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 1:04 p.m. Ms. Conwell welcomed new Councilmembers, Casselberry, Schleper and Houser to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Conwell asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Sweeney, Casselberry and Mr. Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Houser was absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Houser's from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 20, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting.

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 6.a) - Presentation was taken out of order and was heard before Item Nos. 5.a) and 5.b)]

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0002: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$9,890, to the City of North Olmsted for the purchase of a back-up generator for the Oxcart Food Pantry from the District 1 and District 3 ARPA Community Grant Funds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2025-0002.

- b) R2025-0018: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$9,000, to the Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition for the “A Talk With My Daughters: Black Herstory Meets Black Health” Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sharon Spruill, Healthy Communities Director for the Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition, addressed the committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0018. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Spruill pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0018 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. PRESENTATION

- a) Providence House East Side Community Services Hub -
Natalie A. Leek, President & Chief Executive Officer, Providence House

Ms. Natalie A. Leek, President & Chief Executive Officer from Providence House made a presentation to the committee members which included the organization’s history, support services offered, communities and families served, various construction projects and future plans for the Community Services Hub. Committee members asked questions of Ms. Leek regarding her presentation, which she answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a) Shelly Williams, Manager, Government Relations and Public Affairs and Romona Brazile, Executive Director – Community Health Engagement and Impact for The MetroHealth System

Ms. Shelly Williams, Manager, Government Relations and Public Affairs and Romona Brazile, Executive Director – Community Health Engagement and Impact for The MetroHealth System, addressed the committee members regarding their respective

roles in The MetroHealth System, the continuing partnership with Cuyahoga County leadership and their mission to serve the health care needs of the community.

Ms. Conwell opened the discussion to the new committee members and asked if they had any comments or goals they would like to share as it relates to the work of the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee, to which Mr. Shleper and Mr. Casselberry responded.

Ms. Conwell announced the grand opening of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Library, which will be held on January 25th from noon – 4:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m., without objection.