



## **MINUTES**

### **CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

**1:00 PM**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.**

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 5, 2025 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2025 meeting.**

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

#### **5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2025-0069: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for Medicaid Home and Community-based Services for out-of-home placement and foster care services for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024, to extend the time period to 3/31/2026, to add new providers, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$83,877,274.99, effective 1/1/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this

Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Additional Funds

1. Contract No. 1991 with Adelphoi Village, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$120,000.00.
2. Contract No. 2016 with Applewood Centers, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,470,000.00.
3. Contract No. 2018 with Beech Brook in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,550,000.00.
4. Contract No. 2071 with Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,982,274.99.
5. Contract No. 4283 (fka Contract No. 2072) with BHC Belmont Pines Hospital, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,860,000.00.
6. Contract No. 2073 with BHC Fox Run Hospital, Inc. Fox Run: The Center for Children and Adolescents in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00.
7. Contract No. CM4293 (fka Contract No. 2085) with Boys to Men Transitional Home, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
8. Contract No. 2075 with Cadence Care Network in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,200,000.00.
9. Contract No. 2076 with Caring for Kids, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,920,000.00.
10. Contract No. 4161 (fka Contract No. 2077) with Carrington Behavioral Health, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$990,000.00.
11. Contract No. 2078 with Catholic Charities Corporation in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$640,000.00.
12. Contract No. 2079 with Christian Children's Home of Ohio, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$660,000.00.
13. Contract No. 5085 (fka Contract No. 2007) with Cleveland Christian Home in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$2,620,000.00.
14. Contract No. 4207 (fka Contract No. 2008) with Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$660,000.00.
15. Contract No. 4219 (fka Contract No. 2009) with Destiny Family Services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$380,000.00.
16. Contract No. 2011 with Eastway Corporation in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$80,000.00.

17. Contract No. 4143 (fka Contract No. 2012) with ENA, Inc. dba Necco Center in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$2,830,000.00.
18. Contract No. 2013 with Freedom Youth Program in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$510,000.00.
19. Contract No. 2014 with Gracehaven, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$220,000.00.
20. Contract No. 4187 (fka Contract No. 2015) with Habilitation Centers, LLC dba Little Creek Behavioral Health in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$670,000.00.
21. Contract No. 4247 (fka Contract No. 2030) with Habilitation Centers, LLC dba Millcreek of Arkansas in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
22. Contract No. 2034 with Keystone Richland Center LLC dba Foundations for Living in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$260,000.00.
23. Contract No. 2035 with Laurel Oaks Behavioral Health Center in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
24. Contract No. 2037 with Lighthouse Youth Services, Inc. dba Lighthouse Youth & Family Services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$420,000.00.
25. Contract No. 4186 (fka Contract No. 1994) with Lutheran Homes Society, Inc. dba Genacross Family & Youth Services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,700,000.00.
26. Contract No. 2039 with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry dba S.T.A.R.T. (Support To At-Risk Teens) in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,280,000.00.
27. Contract No. 4139 (fka Contract No. 2040) with National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$9,000,000.00.
28. Contract No. 2059 with Necco, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
29. Contract No. 2063 with New Beginnings Residential Treatment, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,020,000.00.
30. Contract No. 4165 (fka Contract No. 2064) with New Directions, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00.
31. Contract No. 2065 with Northeast Ohio Adoption Services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$80,000.00.

32. Contract No. 4138 (fka Contract No. 2067) with Ohio Mentor, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$17,182,499.83.
33. Contract No. 5084 (fka Contract No. 2068) with OhioGuidestone in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$7,000,000.00.
34. Contract No. 2069 with Pathway Caring for Children in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$740,000.00.
35. Contract No. 4335 (fka Contract No. 2070) with Piney Ridge Treatment Center, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$120,000.00.
36. Contract No. 1998 with Pressley Ridge in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$820,000.00.
37. Contract No. 1999 with Quality Care Residential Homes, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,430,000.00.
38. Contract No. 4153 (fka Contract No. 2000) with Raven House in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$370,000.00.
39. Contract No. 4316 (fka Contract No. 2002) with Rolling Hills Hospital, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
40. Contract No. 5087 (fka Contract No. 2004) with Specialized Alternatives for Families & Youth of OH, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$7,410,000.00.
41. Contract No. 2005 with The Bair Foundation in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$970,000.00.
42. Contract No. 2019 with The Village Network in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,300,000.00.
43. Contract No. 5086 (fka Contract No. 2020) with Young Star Academy LLC dba Mohican Young Star Academy in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00.
44. Contract No. 2021 with Youth Intensive Services, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00.
45. Contract No. 2022 with Youth Opportunity Investments, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$490,000.00.
46. Contract No. 2023 with Artis's Tender Love & Care, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,210,000.00.
47. Contract No. 2025 with In Focus of Cleveland, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$910,000.00.

48. Contract No. 2026 with Jaystarr Homes 2, Inc in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$180,000.00.
49. Contract No. 4195 (fka Contract No. 1996) with Open Arms Adoptions, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$80,000.00.
50. Contract No. 4284 (fka Contract No. 2342) with Healing Pathways Transitional Homes, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
51. Contract No. 4290 (fka Contract No. 2349) with Keystone Newport News, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
52. Contract No. 4281 (fka Contract No. 2351) with Life Start, Inc in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$550,000.00.
53. Contract No. 4216 (fka Contract No. 2768) with One Child Every Chance Foundation, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
54. Contract No. 4312 (fka Contract No. 2771) with SP Behavioral LLC dba Sandy Pines in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00.
55. Contract No. 4448 (fka Contract No. 2722) with Tennessee Clinical School, LLC dba Hermitage Hall in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
56. Contract No. 4257 (fka Contract No. 2773) with The Buckeye Ranch, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$590,000.00.
57. Contract No. 4264 (fka Contract No. 2774) with Youth Opportunity Investments, LLC - Rockdale Youth Academy in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
58. Contract No. 4289 (fka Contract No. 3183) with Conway Behavioral Health in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
59. Contract No. 3186 with HHC Poplar Springs, LLC dba Poplar Springs Hospital in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
60. Contract No. 3531 with Benchmark Behavioral Health Systems, Inc in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$260,000.00.
61. Contract No. 3427 with Rehabilitation Centers LLC dba Millcreek of Pontotoc in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.

62. Contract No. 3713 with A Loving Heart Youth Services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,140,000.00.
63. Contract No. 3702 with HMIH Cedar Crest, LLC dba Cedar Crest Hospital and RTC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00.
64. Contract No. 3679 with Cumberland Hospital, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$140,000.00.
65. Contract No. 3659 with Harbor Point Behavioral Health Center in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$190,000.00.
66. Contract No. 3593 with Pathways to Purpose in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$750,000.00.
67. Contract No. 3683 with Rehabilitation Centers, LLC dba Millcreek of Magee ICF in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
68. Contract No. 3903 with Advantage Family Outreach & Foster Care in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$210,000.00.
69. Contract No. 4446 with Youth Villages, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
70. Contract No. 4486 with KJ's Brighter Days, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$120,000.00.
71. Contract No. 4445 with HC Partnership dba Hill Crest Behavioral Health Services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00.
72. Contract No. 4872 with I Am Boundless, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.
73. Contract No. 4749 with Providence House, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.01.

New providers

74. Contract No. 5028 with Bluestone Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$31,250.00.
75. Contract No. 5119 with Change Academy at Lake of the Ozarks, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$31,250.00.

**Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services and Ms. Jacqueline Fletcher, Director of the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0069. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman and Ms. Fletcher pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2025-0069 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.**

- b) R2025-0080: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3015 with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba Frontline Service for temporary housing for single adults and youth at North Point Transitional Housing, located at 1550 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, for the period 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2024 to extend the time period to 12/31/2025, to amend the terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,422,933.00, effective 1/1/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. Allison Gill, Interim Executive Officer and Ms. Erin Rearden, Senior Administrator for the Office of Homeless Services; and Ms. Shawna Gurley, Director of Emergency Housing Services for Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba Frontline Service, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0080. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cortes, Ms. Gill, Ms. Rearden and Ms. Gurley pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0080 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.**

## **6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Ms. Conwell spoke about the providers covered under the prior amendment to the board and care Master Contract, whose payments were pending, while the outstanding required contract documents were being finalized, and asked Mr. Cortes for an update on this matter; and asked about the status of updating the contracts that will be reverting to a 15-month term, so payments will no longer be delayed due to year end activities. Mr. Schleper asked about the vetting process for contracting with new providers.**

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m., without objection.**