



## **MINUTES**

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 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 1:01 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 APRIL 16, 2025 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2025 meeting.**

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

- a) R2025-0163: A Resolution making awards on RQ15297 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$9,825,469.20 for community-based services to support at-risk children and families in Cuyahoga County for the period 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

- 1) Contract No. 5280 with Beech Brook in the amount not-to-exceed \$220,000.00.

- 2) Contract No. 5291 with Catholic Charities Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,390,000.00.
- 3) Agreement No. 5295 with City of Lakewood in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,300,000.00.
- 4) Agreement No. 5296 with Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00.
- 5) Contract No. 5297 with The East End Neighborhood House in the amount not-to-exceed \$800,000.00.
- 6) Contract No. 5298 with Harvard Community Services Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$700,000.00.
- 7) Contract No. 5299 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,835,469.20.
- 8) Contract No. 5300 with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$900,000.00.
- 9) Contract No. 5301 with University Settlement Slavic Village LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,350,000.00
- 10) Contract No. 5302 with West Side Community House in the amount not-to-exceed \$830,000.00.

**Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services and Ms. Heather Brissett, Vice President of Community & Wellness Services and Chief Program Officer for Murtis Taylor Human Services System, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0163. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2025-0163 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) R2025-0165: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba Frontline Service in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,075,978.00 to operate the assessment and administrative functions of Coordinated Intake for the Cleveland/Cuyahoga Continuum of Care for the period 2/1/2025 –

1/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5246 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Cortes and Ms. Erin Rearden, Senior Administrator for the Office of Homeless Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0165. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0165 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. PRESENTATION**

- a) Pregnant with Possibilities Resource Center  
Veranda Rodgers, President and Chief Executive Officer

**Ms. Veranda Rodgers, President and Chief Executive Officer for Pregnant with Possibilities Resource Center, addressed the Committee regarding the agency's services and programs, which include the Endless Possibilities Program, M.O.M. (Making Opportunities Matter) Program, After Party Program, H.O.P.E. (Healthy Outlook Postpartum Experiences) Program, the Bi-Monthly Diaper Distribution Program and the Sneaker Ball Brunch; and discussed the 2024 Impact Report, pertaining to clients served, breastfeeding rates and full-term delivery rates. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Rodgers pertaining to the presentation, which she answered accordingly.**

#### **7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m., without objection.**