



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

### HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR

#### MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025—1:00 P.M.

#### Committee Members

Yvonne M. Conwell, Chair | Dist. 7  
Martin J. Sweeney, Vice Chair | Dist. 3  
Mark Casselberry | Dist. 4  
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10  
Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Vice Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.**

#### 2. ROLL CALL

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

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 1, 2025 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Casselberry, seconded by Mr. Houser and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2025 meeting.**

#### 5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0308: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3868 with The Salvation Army for supportive services for homeless men in the Pickup Assessment Sheltering Service (PASS) Transitional Housing Program for the period 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2025 to extend the time period to 9/30/2026, to amend the budget terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$834,302.00, effective 10/1/2025; 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. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. LeVine Ross, Director of the Office of Homeless Services and Mr. Beau Hill, Executive Director of The Salvation Army, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0308. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2025-0308 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) Update on the Emergency Food Contract –  
Jennifer Kons, Vice President Community Impact, United Way of Greater Cleveland  
Jessica Morgan, Chief Programs Officer, Greater Cleveland Food Bank  
Julie Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Hunger Network  
Emma Messett, Hunger Relief Program Director, Hunger Network

**Mr. Merriman, Ms. Jennifer Kons, Vice President Community Impact for United Way of Greater Cleveland; Ms. Jessica Morgan, Chief Programs Officer for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank; Ms. Julie Johnson, Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Emma Messett, Hunger Relief Program Director for the Hunger Network, addressed the Committee and presented an update on the emergency food contract; provided a summary of expenditures for 2024 – 2025 and the projected costs for 2026-2027; described the collaboration between the Hunger Network and the Greater Cleveland Food Bank; provided data regarding clients served and visits by district of the 51 hunger relief sites in the County through September 2025; addressed food insecurity disparities and the vulnerable groups, which included related data; and discussed the growing community needs and the associated global and national cost factors and the Federal and State contribution factors.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Ms. Kons, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Messett, pertaining to the presentation, which they answered accordingly.**

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m., without objection.**