



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026—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

Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the Committee regarding homeless shelter services, challenges and funding.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 3, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0348: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000 to Resource Cleveland for the purpose of funding a new component of the Newcomer Navigators Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Patrick Kearns, Executive Director of Resource Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0348. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Kearns, pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Mr. Sweeney requested to increase the total sum of the award by \$5,000.00 from District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund for a total award not-to-exceed \$15,000.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2025-0348 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Conwell, Mr. Casselberry and Mr. Houser requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the Legislation.

6. PRESENTATION

a) Pregnancy Care in the Jail –

- Katie Davis Bellamy, RN, COO, MetroHealth Community Health Centers
- Jazmine Long, Chief Executive Officer and President Birthing Beautiful Communities

Ms. Katie Davis Bellamy, Registered Nurse and Chief Operating Officer, MetroHealth Community Health Centers, Ms. Jazmine Long, Chief Executive Officer and President of Birthing Beautiful Communities, and Mr. Nestor Rivera, Chief of Corrections, Sheriff’s Department, addressed the Committee and gave a comprehensive presentation on the Correctional Medicine Program for Pregnancy Care at MetroHealth; Onsite Services; OB/GYN Services; Maternity & Newborn Care; Prenatal Care; Centering Pregnancy; Benefits With Group Prenatal Care in a Community Setting; The Birthing Beautiful Communities Doula Program; Additional Program Components; Outcomes Since 2019, Successful Outcomes With Community Partners, and the Sheriff’s Department’s collaboration with the Doctors after Mothers give birth.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Davis Bellamy, Ms. Long and Mr. Rivera, 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 2:00 p.m., without objection.