



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL
HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 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 1:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Conwell asked Deputy Clerk Carter 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 4, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0048: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Canopy Child Advocacy Center for general operations from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Jennifer Johnson, Executive Director of the Canopy Child Advocacy Center, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0048. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2026-0048 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2026-0065: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. 3853 with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for Medicaid Home and Community-based Services for youth with developmental disabilities for the period 1/1/2024 – 3/31/2027 to extend the time period to 12/31/2027, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed

\$1,400,000.00, effective upon signatures of all parties; 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; and Ms. Ebony Freeman, Social Program Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0065. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2026-0065 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. PRESENTATION

- a) **Addiction Services in our Jail – Brandy Carney, Director Public Safety & Justice Services and Katie Davis Bellamy, Chief Executive Officer, MetroHealth Community Health Centers**

Ms. Brandy Carney, Director of the Department of Public Safety & Justice Services; Ms. Megan Riley, Manager of Addiction Medicine; and Ms. Katie Davis Bellamy, Chief Executive Officer of The MetroHealth System Community Health Centers, provided the Committee with information relating to the history of addiction services, screening tools used, current challenges, recidivism statistics and goals for 2026. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Carney, Ms. Riley and Ms. Davis Bellamy pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Messrs. Al Gillespie and Brian Cuban addressed the Committee regarding their experiences in the recovery program. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Gillespie and Cuban pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Conwell announced that the next Health, Human Services & Aging Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 and will also include a tour of The MetroHealth System.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m., without objection.