

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Ordinance No. O2024-0002

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Ronayne</b>	<b>An Ordinance</b> enacting Section 206.03 of the Cuyahoga County Code to rename the Cuyahoga County Advisory Council on Women’s Health as the Cuyahoga County Women’s Health Commission; repealing Section 208.05 of the County Code; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, this Council enacted Ordinance No. O2023-0016 on November 14, 2023 establishing the Cuyahoga County Advisory Council on Women’s Health to, among other things, serve as a resource for information, advice and recommendations regarding goals, strategies and programs of the County to support women’s health and the rights of women to make their own healthcare decisions and have access to a full range of reproductive healthcare options; and

WHEREAS, the County now desires to rename the Cuyahoga County Advisory Council on Women’s Health the Cuyahoga County Women’s Health Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 206.03 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

### **Section 206.03 Cuyahoga County Women’s Health Commission**

**A. Composition:** The Women’s Health Commission shall be composed of thirteen (13) members, including: the County Executive or the Executive’s designee; the County Council President or the President’s designee; the Director of Health and Human Services or the Director’s designee; The President of the Metro Health System or the President’s designee; and nine (9) members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by County Council (the “Community Appointees”). The Community Appointees shall include representatives of community organizations and health providers, members of the legal community active in the defense of full reproductive

rights and, where possible, individuals who have lived experience. Community Appointees shall be electors of Cuyahoga County.

1. Three (3) of the Community Appointees shall have an initial term of one (1) year; three (3) of the Community Appointees shall have an initial term of two (2) years; and three (3) of the Community Appointees shall have an initial term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all terms shall be for three (3) years.
2. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any initial appointee from being reappointed to the Women's Health Commission for additional three-year terms. If a vacancy occurs, the original appointing authority shall appoint a replacement in the same manner as the regular appointment for the unexpired term.
3. Members shall serve without compensation, except for out-of-pocket expenses, approved by the members of the Women's Health Commission.

**B. Leadership and Staffing:** The Women's Health Commission shall select a member to serve as Chair and shall develop and adopt its own rules of procedure, consistent with this section, the County Code, and the County Charter; provided that the member initially selected to serve as Chair shall serve in that capacity for a period of two (2) years. The Executive shall provide staff support as needed.

**C. Duties:** The duties of the Women's Health Commission shall include:

1. Acting as a resource for information, advice and recommendations regarding goals, strategies and programs of the County to support women's health.
2. Creating recommendations for allocating grant funding related to women's health issues.
3. Providing advice and recommendations regarding funding of programs designed to support better access to women's healthcare.
4. Meeting publicly on a quarterly basis to provide a forum for the public to offer ideas and recommendations regarding women's health.
5. Serving as a resource for crisis responses around the status of reproductive rights in the state of Ohio.

**SECTION 2.** Section 208.05 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 3.** It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after

disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Turner, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon, Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Byrne, Gallagher and Jones

Nays: None



County Council President

03/14/2024

Date



County Executive

03/14/2024

Date



Clerk of Council

03/13/2024

Date

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