



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
3:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Vice-Chairwoman Brown called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Brown asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Brown and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was not determined. Committee member Jones entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken and a quorum was then determined. Committee members Schron and Simon were absent from the meeting.**

**A motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Schron and Ms. Simon from the meeting.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**

**The following citizens addressed the Committee regarding Resolution Nos. R2016-0165, a Resolution making awards on RQ36156 to various providers for various programs and services for youth in connection with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the period 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017, and R2016-0166, a Resolution making awards on RQ36158 to various providers for various services in connection with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the period 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017:**

- a) Mr. Paul Magnus**
- b) Ms. Kari Greenheld**

- c) Mr. George Bilokonsky
- d) Mr. Anthony Fluellen
- e) Ms. Amy Emery
- f) Ms. Mary Kay Bitterman
- g) Mr. Robert Ross
- h) Mr. Craig Dorn
- i) Ms. Kiersten Watkins
- j) Ms. Robin Smalley

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 3, 2016 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Brady approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2016 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2016-0165: A Resolution making awards on RQ36156 to various providers for various programs and services for youth in connection with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the period 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - i) Cuyahoga Community College District in the total amount not-to-exceed \$894,957.00:
    - a) in the approximate amount of \$200,000.00 for the In-School Youth Program.
    - b) in the approximate amount of \$694,957.00 for the Out-of-School Youth Program.
  - ii) Linking Employment Abilities and Potential in the amount not-to-exceed \$65,000.00 for the In-School Youth Program.
  - iii) Mayfield City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$185,000.00 for the In-School Youth Program.
  - iv) OhioGuidestone in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,470,303.00:
    - a) in the approximate amount of \$100,000.00 for the In-School Youth Program.

- b) in the approximate amount of \$1,370,303.00 for the Out-of-School Youth Program.
- v) Towards Employment, Inc. in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,004,311.00:
  - a) in the approximate amount of \$465,900.00 for the Out-of-School Youth Program.
  - b) in the approximate amount of \$475,000.00 for the Youth Resource Center.
  - c) in the approximate amount of \$63,411.00 for Social Program Administrator support.
- vi) Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,012,436.00:
  - a) in the approximate amount of \$225,000.00 for the In-School Youth Program.
  - b) in the approximate amount of \$787,436.00 for the Youth Resource Center.

**Ms. Jayanti Bhattacharya, Deputy Director of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board; Mr. Robert Ross, Principal of Cuyahoga East Vocational Education Consortium; and Ms. Kiersten Watkins, Director of Workforce Development Programs for Ohio Guidestone, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2016-0165. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Mr. Brown with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2016-0165 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.**

- b) R2016-0166: A Resolution making awards on RQ36158 to various providers for various services in connection with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the period 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017; 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:

- i) Cengage Learning, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$259,000.00 for integrated career online high school services.
- ii) Mature Services, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$340,000.00 for mature job seeker services and implementation of the ENCORE Program.
- iii) Towards Employment, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for job seeker services for applicants with felony backgrounds.
- iv) United Labor Agency, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,380,000.00 for operation of the Workforce Service Center, job seekers and employer services and management of the On-the-Job Training Program.

**Ms. Bhattacharya; Ms. Robin Smalley, Program Director for Towards Employment; and Mr. Anthony Fluellen, representing United Labor Agency, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2016-0166. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Bhattacharya, Ms. Smalley and Mr. Fluellen pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2016-0166 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. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### 7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

**Mr. Maurice Rhoades addressed the Committee regarding employment services for ex-offenders.**

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairwoman Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m., without objection.**