



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Brown, Stephens and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 5, 2019 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2019 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2019-0140: A Resolution making awards on RQ44122 to various providers for Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program – Employment, Education and Training Services for Young Adults in connection with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the period 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and

contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Cuyahoga Community College District in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,466,993.00 for the In-School/Out-of-School Youth Program.
- 2) Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential in the amount not-to-exceed \$112,000.00 for the In-School Youth Program for students with disabilities.
- 3) OhioGuidestone in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,770,000.00 for the Out-of-School Youth Program.
- 4) The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,100,000.00 for the Out-of-School Youth Program.
- 5) Towards Employment, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$874,821.00 for the Out-of-School Youth Program.
- 6) Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,950,000.00 for the Out-of-School Youth Program and operation of the Young Adult Resource Center.

Mr. Frank Brickner, Deputy Director/Chief Financial Officer of Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0140. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2019-0140 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) R2019-0141: A Resolution making awards on RQ44417 to various providers for various services in connection with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for various time periods beginning 7/1/2019; 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:

- 1) Towards Employment, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$549,826.00 for job seeker services for applicants with felony backgrounds ending 6/30/2021.
- 2) United Labor Agency Incorporated in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,570,727.00 for operation of the Workforce Service Center, job seekers and employer services and management of the On-the-Job Training Program ending 6/30/2020.
- 3) Vantage Aging, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$185,000.00 for mature job seeker services and implementation of the ENCORE Program ending 6/30/2021.

Mr. Brickner and Ms. Robin Smalley, Director of Programs for Towards Employment, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0141. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Brickner and Ms. Smalley pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2019-0141 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) Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Program

Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Director of Invest in Children; Ms. Shawna Rohrman, Evaluation Manager; and Dr. Elizabeth Anthony, Senior Research Associate at Case Western Reserve University, provided the Committee with an overview of the UPK program and provided information relating to program sites, demographics of participants, test scores, ongoing research as well as the impact of the County's investment. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Dorman, Ms. Rohrman and Dr. Anthony pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. DISCUSSION

- a) Item U from Resolution No. R2019-0128:

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