



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Conwell asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Jones, Brown, Miller and Stephens were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 17, 2020 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2020 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) COVID-19 Daycare Re-opening

Ms. Billie Osborne-Fears, Executive Director of Starting Point; and Ms. Robyn Gibson, Manager with the Department of Job and Family Services, provided the Committee with information regarding COVID-19 pandemic reopening requirements for daycare facilities and provided an update on the number of daycare facilities that have reopened in Cuyahoga County since the order to reopen was issued. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Osborne-Fears and Ms. Gibson pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Dr. Leon Harris, Director of Performance Evaluation and Innovation with the Department of Health and Human Services, provided the Committee with information on the supply and demand of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to daycare facilities within Cuyahoga County. Discussion Ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Harris pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Director of Invest in Children, provided the Committee with information regarding the current enrollment in the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program and the availability of COVID-19 testing to children in the program. Discussion ensued.

Committee Members asked questions of Dr. Dorman pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Robin Martin, Director of Family & Children First Council; and Dr. Jacklyn Chisholm, President & Chief Executive Officer of the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland, provided the Committee with information on the K-12 school reopening plan and explained the concern of the digital divide of internet and computer availability for electronic learning for students. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Martin and Dr. Chisholm pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Dr. Thea Wilson, Vice President of Children and Families with the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland, provided the Committee with information on the student to teacher ratio in daycare facilities during the COVID 19 pandemic. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Wilson pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Zulma Zabala, Chief Executive Officer of the East End Neighborhood House, provided the Committee with information regarding enrollment at the East End Neighborhood House during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Karen Thompson, Chief of Staff for Cleveland Metropolitan School District, provided the Committee with information on the Cleveland Metropolitan Schools reopening plan. Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Conwell announced that the next Health, Human Services & Aging Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29th at 1:00 p.m. for a discussion on housing children in custody at the Jane Edna Hunter Building during the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m., without objection.