



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING  
COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

1:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments submitted.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 3, 2021 MEETING

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting.**

### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2021-0069: A Resolution authorizing a revenue generating agreement with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount not-to-exceed \$870,271.75 for reimbursement of staffing services for the DD Medicaid Waiver Program for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 946 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Amber Gibbs, Chief Administrative Services Officer with the Board of Developmental Disabilities; Mr. David Merriman, Director of Health and Human Services; Mr. Daniel Humphrey, Interim Manager of Contracts Administration and Performance; Mr. Paul Porter, Program Officer Administrator with the Department of Health and Human Services; and Ms. Christy Nicholls, Deputy Administrator with Cuyahoga Job and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0069. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Gibbs, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Porter, and Ms. Nicholls pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2021-0069 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) R2021-0070: A Resolution making an award on RQ3325 with US Together, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,200,000.00 for interpretation and translation services for various County agencies for the period 3/1/2021 - 2/28/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 956 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Merriman; Mr. Porter; Ms. Nadia Kasvin, Director & Co-Founder of US Together, Inc.; and Mr. Humphrey, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0070. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Mr. Porter, Ms. Kasvin and Mr. Humphrey pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2021-0070 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.**

- c) R2021-0071: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 347 with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. for the Rapid Re-housing Program for homeless individuals and families for the period 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2020 to extend the time period to 12/31/2021 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,166,724.90; 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. Merriman; Ms. Melissa Sirak, Administrator with the Office of Homeless Services; Ms. Elaine Gimmel, Executive Director of Emerald Development and Economic**

**Network, Inc.; and Ms. Jennifer Griffin, Director of Housing Programs with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0071. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Ms. Sirak, Ms. Gimmel and Ms. Griffin pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2021-0071 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.**

- d) R2021-0072: A Resolution making an award on RQ3914 with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba Frontline Service in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,422,933.00 for Temporary Housing services for single adults and youth at North Point Temporary Housing, located at 1550 Superior Avenue, Cleveland for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 858 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Merriman; Ms. Sirak, Ms. Latonya Murray, Director of Emergency Housing Services with Frontline Service; and Ms. Angela Glassco, Chief Operating Officer with Frontline Service, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0072. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Ms. Sirak, Ms. Murray, and Ms. Glassco pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2021-0072 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.**

- e) R2021-0073: A Resolution making an award on RQ3916 with Young Women’s Christian Association of Greater Cleveland (YWCA) in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,751,793.00 for operations and case management services for homeless single adult women at the Norma Herr Women’s Shelter, located at 2227 Payne Avenue, Cleveland for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 769 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Merriman; Ms. Sirak, Ms. Teresa Sanders, Chief Program Officer with the Young Women’s Christian Association of Greater Cleveland; and Ms. Gimmel, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0073. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Ms. Sirak, Ms. Sanders, and Ms. Gimmel pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2021-0073 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) The Office of Reentry**

**Mr. Merriman; Ms. Erika Anthony, Executive Director of the Ohio Transformation Fund; and Ms. Elizabeth Richards, Senior Program Director with Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. addressed the Committee regarding the connection between reentry and homelessness to racism as a public health crisis; the importance of co-creating equitable housing solutions for justice involved persons; an update on the Justice Housing Committee; policy, advocacy and funding opportunities in reentry and a reentry housing model pilot. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Ms. Anthony, and Ms. Richards pertaining the item, which they answered accordingly.**

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m., without objection.**