



## MINUTES

### CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 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 1:01 p.m.**

#### 2. ROLL CALL

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

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments submitted.**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 17, 2021 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Brown, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2021 meeting.**

#### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2021-0085: A Resolution making an award on RQ3753 to Americab Transportation, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$8,000,000.00 for non-emergency transportation services for ambulatory Medicaid-eligible individuals in Cuyahoga County for the period 3/1/2021 – 2/28/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 1031 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. David Merriman, Director of Health and Human Services; Mr. Paul Porter, Program Officer Administrator with the Department of Health and Human Services; Mr. Kevin Gowan, Director of Job and Family Services; and Mr. Patrick Keenan, General Manager of Americab, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0085. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Merriman, Porter, Gowan and Keenan pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2021-0085 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) R2021-0086: A Resolution authorizing an award on RQ3912 to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,958,232.00 for operations and case management services for a 365-bed Men’s Emergency Shelter, located at 2100 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, and for facilitation and coordination of overflow shelter services for single adults and families at various locations; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 824 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Porter; Ms. Melissa Sirak, Administrator with the Office of Homeless Services; and Mr. Michael Sering, Vice President of Housing & Shelter with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0086. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2021-0086 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) City of Cleveland Vaccine Distribution Protocol

**Ms. Tracy Martin-Thompson, Chief of Prevention, Intervention, and Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults with the City of Cleveland; Mr. Brian Kimball, Interim Director of Public Health with the City of Cleveland; Dr. Lynn Milliner, Medical Director with the City of Cleveland Department of Public Health; Ms. Sirak; and Mr. Merriman, addressed the Committee regarding the City of Cleveland COVID-19 vaccine distribution protocol and gave updates on the number of individuals that have been**

**vaccinated, vaccination locations, vaccination efforts within the homeless community, future vaccination procedures for youth and overcoming vaccination barriers for individuals that do not speak English. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Martin-Thompson, Mr. Kimball, Dr. Milliner, Ms. Sirak and Mr. Merriman 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 2:18 p.m., without objection.**