



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021
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 1:01 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 was in attendance after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 28, 2021 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2021 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2021-0214: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) to Skills Employment and Training services for the period 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021 to extend the time period to 9/30/2022 and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,108,274.00; 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:

- 1) Contract No. 186 with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry in the amount not-to-exceed \$147,800.00.
- 2) Contract No. 197 with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,000.00.
- 3) Contract No. 210 with Towards Employment in the amount not-to-exceed \$180,000.00.
- 4) Contract No. 224 with The Spanish American Committee in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,000.00.
- 5) Contract No. 1482 with Cleveland Center for Arts and Technology dba New Bridge Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$244,085.00.
- 6) Contract No. 1483 with Cuyahoga County Public Library in the amount not-to-exceed \$56,389.00.
- 7) Contract No. 1484 with Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and Central Ohio, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,000.00.
- 8) Contract No. 1485 with West Side Catholic Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,000.00.

Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Mr. Paul Porter, Director of the Division of Contract Administration and Performance; Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator with the Department of Job and Family Services; Ms. Candace Williams, Program Officer 4 with the Department of Job and Family Services; Ms. Melisa Russoniello, Operations Manager for El Barrio Workforce Development Center with the Centers for Families and Children; Mr. Orlando Grant, Career Coach and Retention Manager for El Barrio Workforce Development Center with the Centers for Families and Children; Mr. Arman Ochoa, Chief Finance and Operating Officer for NewBridge Cleveland Center for Arts & Technology; Mr. Mark Trew, Chief Operating Officer for Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland & East Central Ohio, Inc.; and Mr. John Litten, Executive Director of the West Side Catholic Center, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0214. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Mr. Porter, Mr. Bounds, Ms. Williams, Ms. Russoniello, Mr. Grant, Mr. Ochoa, Mr. Trew and Mr. Litten pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2021-0214 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) R2021-0215: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 824 with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry 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 for the period 1/1/2021 – 9/30/2022 for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$768,609.21; 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. Porter; Ms. Melisa Sirak, Program Director with the Office of Homeless Services; and Mr. Michael Sering, Vice President of Housing and Shelter for Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0215. 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. Stephens with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2021-0215 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) Kinship Care

Ms. Conwell advised the Committee that the presentation on Kinship Care will be heard at a future Committee meeting.

- b) Office of Homeless Services

Ms. Sirak addressed the Committee and provided an update on the Office of Homeless Services, including the history and goals of the office, the emergency shelter population and average length of stay, COVID-19 pandemic protocols, the Housing First initiative and the homeless demographics for Cuyahoga County. Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m., without objection.