



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021
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 3:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Turner, Schron and Stephens were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2021 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) **R2021-0274: A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County dba Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,620,682.00 for implementation and management of the Child Care Access and Quality Expansion Program for the period**

1/1/2022- 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 1949 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Director of the Office of Early Childhood Invest in Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0274. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0274 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) R2021-0275: A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County dba Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,708,844.00 for management and administration of the Family Child Care Home Professional Development System for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 1918 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Dorman addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0275. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0275 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) R2021-0276: A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County dba Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,442,092.00 for Special Needs Child Care Program for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 1917 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Dorman addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0276. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0276 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) R2021-0277: A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,357,008.00 for fiscal agent and administrative services in connection with Bright Beginnings System and for the creation of a Parent Support Department and related support services for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 1881 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Dorman addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0277. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0277 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) R2021-0278: A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Cuyahoga County Board of Health in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,539,300.00 for program administration services for the Newborn Home Visiting Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 1866 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Dorman addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0278. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2021-0278 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.

- f) R2021-0279: A Resolution authorizing a Contract with City of Cleveland, Department of Public Health in the amount not-to-exceed \$682,276.00 for prenatal and inter-conceptual care services to high-risk families in connection with the expansion of the MomsFirst Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/18/2022 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 1875 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Dorman addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0279. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0279 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.

- g) R2021-0281: A Resolution making an award on RQ5807 to Cuyahoga County Public Library in the amount not-to-exceed \$560,000.00 to oversee and administer the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Adult Basic Education Program for inmates in the County Correctional Facilities for the period 12/7/2021 – 12/31/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 1980 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Paul Porter, Director of the Division of Contract Administration and Performance; Mr. Simeon Best, Director of the Office of Re-entry; and Ms. Jamie Harris, Corrections Specialist for Adult Education for the Cuyahoga County Public Library, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0281. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Porter, Mr. Best and Ms. Harris pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0281 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. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Simon announced that there will be discussions regarding expanding the County's educational programs in the new year.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m., without objection.