



## MINUTES

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

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 Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Sweeney, Miller, Turner and Stephens were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Loh addressed the Committee regarding critical housing services for the homeless population.**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2, 2022 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Stephens and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2022 meeting.**

#### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2022-0393: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$100,000, to the Rose Centers for Aging Well for the Rose Centers Meals Programs from the District 2 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Melissa Gleeson, Assistant Director and Ms. Alison Morford, Development Manager for the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0393. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Gleeson and Ms. Morford pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2022-0393 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Committee members Conwell, Miller, Stephens, Sweeney and Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- b) R2022-0395: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$43,015, to the Journey Center for Safety and Healing for repairs and upgrades for the Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter from the District 2 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Melissa Graves, Chief Executive Officer for the Journey Center for Safety and Healing, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0395. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2022-0395 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Committee members Conwell, Miller, Stephens, Sweeney and Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- c) R2022-0413: A Resolution making an award on RQ10389 to Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons Inc., d/b/a Frontline Service in the amount not-to-exceed \$868,300.00 for the Children Who Witness Violence Program for the period 12/1/2022 – 11/30/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2796 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Jill Smialek, Deputy Director of Public Safety and Justice Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0413. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2022-0413 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) **R2022-0415: A Resolution making an award on RQ7099 to Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,935,300.00 for Rapid Re-housing services for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2730 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 the Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. Melissa Sirak, Director of the Office of Homeless Services; Ms. Emma Petrie Barcelona, Chief Operating Officer and Ms. Elaine Gimmel, Executive Director for Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0415. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2022-0415 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.**

**Committee members Conwell, Miller, Stephens, Sweeney and Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

## **6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Ms. Conwell commented about a discussion with Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer for the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County regarding their involvement with The Diversion Center, a potential Crisis Center and the organization's fiscal reserves and indicated that more information on these matters will be forthcoming.**

**Mr. Miller stated that he has received inquiries regarding funding for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Cuyahoga County and said additional information is needed and recommended that the organization be invited to speak to the Committee at a future meeting regarding their goals and funding needs.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m., without objection.**