



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023  
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 1:17 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 8, 2023 MEETING

**A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting.**

### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0062: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 2958 with Kaiser Group (DE) LLC dba Dynamic Workforce Solutions for Title I Business Services in connection with the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the period 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 to expand the scope of services to provide program support and financial services for the Cuyahoga County Skill-Up Program and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,250,000.00, effective 4/1/2023; 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. David Merriman, Director for the Department of Health and Human Services; Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director, Mr. Vaughn Johnson, Deputy Director and Ms. Laura Simms, Business Services Manager for the Department of Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0062. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Mr. Herdeg, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Simms pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0062 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) R2023-0063: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Grant Agreement via Contract No. 2855 with Hitchcock Center for Women to support construction of a residential treatment and recovery center, to support women experiencing substance abuse issues, for the period 9/13/2022 – 4/30/2025 for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$967,800.00; 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.

**Ms. Catherine Tkachyk, Chief Innovation and Performance Officer for the Executive's Office; Mr. Wesley Finch, Chairman and Founder of The Finch Group; Mr. Jason Joyce, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Hitchcock Center for Women; and Ms. Stacey Woodford, Originations Analyst for the National Equity Fund, Inc. addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0063. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Tkachyk, Mr. Finch, Mr. Joyce and Ms. Woodford pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0063 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 Miller, Sweeney, Conwell, Turner and Stephens requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- c) R2023-0064: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,400,000.00 for Medicaid Home and Community-based Services for youth with developmental disabilities for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 2981 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. David Merriman, Director and Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services; and Ms. Eboni Freeman, Project Manager for the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0064. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0064 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) R2023-0065: A Resolution authorizing Title IV-D Agreements with various providers, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$11,539,371.43 for child support services for the period 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement Nos. 3155, 3156, 3158, 3159 and 3160 and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Agreement No. 3155 with Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,146,253.89.
- 2) Agreement No. 3156 with Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Division of Domestic Relations in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,668,462.25.
- 3) Agreement No. 3158 with Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office in the amount not-to-exceed \$22,329.73.
- 4) Agreement No. 3159 with Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Division of Juvenile Court/Cashiers Department in the amount not-to-exceed \$17,068.20.
- 5) Agreement No. 3160 with Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Division of Juvenile Court in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,685,257.36.

**Mr. Cortes, Ms. Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton, Director and Mr. Richard Weiler, Business Manager for the Office of Child Support Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0065. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cortes, Ms. Dobbins-Brazelton and Mr. Weiler pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0065 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**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m., without objection.**