



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Sweeney asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members, Sweeney, Turner and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Stephens arrived at the meeting after the roll call was taken. Committee member Conwell was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 22, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0076: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. for the Infusing Lived Expertise into System-Level Housing Solutions Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Ayonna Blue Donald, Vice President of Ohio Market for Enterprise Community Partners, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0076. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2023-0076 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2023-0085: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 1031 with Americab Transportation, Inc. for non-emergency transportation services for ambulatory Medicaid-eligible individuals in Cuyahoga County for the period 3/1/2021 – 2/28/2023 to extend the time period to 2/29/2024, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,000,000.00; 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.

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 Mr. Rick Holford, President of Americab Transportation, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0085. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0085 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.

- c) R2023-0086: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for the Cuyahoga OPTIONS for Independent Living Services Program for the period 7/1/2021 – 12/31/2022, to extend the time period to 12/31/2023, to remove two providers, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,476,500.00, effective of the last date of signature of the parties; 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:

For additional funds:

- 1) Contract No. 1381 with A-1 Health Care, Inc. in the anticipated amount of \$281,000.00.

- 2) Contract No. 1406 with Connect America in the anticipated amount of \$116,000.00.
- 3) Contract No. 1408 with Evolving Nurse in the anticipated amount of \$21,000.00.
- 4) Contract No. 1410 with Solutions Premier Services in the anticipated amount of \$177,000.00.
- 5) Contract No. 1411 with Rose Centers for Aging Well in the anticipated amount of \$120,000.00.
- 6) Contract No. 1413 with Senior Transportation Connection in the anticipated amount of \$155,000.00.
- 7) Contract No. 1414 with Tobi Transportation in anticipated the amount of \$97,000.00.
- 8) Contract No. 1415 with Transport Assistance in the amount of \$25,000.00.
- 9) Contract No. 1416 with Renaissance Home Health Care in the amount not-to-exceed \$105,200.00.
- 10) Contract No. 1421 with Family & Community Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.00.
- 11) Contract No. 1423 with XCEL Healthcare Providers, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00.
- 12) Contract No. 1424 with Purfoods, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$442,000.00.
- 13) Contract No. 1425 with Addus Healthcare in the amount not-to-exceed \$24,000.00.
- 14) Contract No. 1426 with Valued Relationships, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$155,000.00.
- 15) Contract No. 1430 with U-First Homecare Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$81,000.00.
- 16) Contract No. 1434 with ABC International Services, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$21,300.00.
- 17) Contract No. 1435 with Casleo Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,276,000.00.

- 18) Contract No. 1437 with First Choice Medical Staffing in the amount not-to-exceed \$64,000.00.
- 19) Contract No. 1439 with Geocare, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00.
- 20) Contract No. 1440 with Caring Hearts Health Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$18,000.00.
- 21) Contract No. 1441 with Healthy Home Care Transportation in the amount not-to-exceed \$18,000.00.
- 22) Contact No. 1444 with Home Care Relief Inc. in the anticipated amount of \$190,000.00.
- 23) Contract No. 1445 with LHC Group in the anticipated amount pf \$54,000.00.

To remove:

- 1) Honor and Compassion Homecare, LLC
- 2) RX Home Healthcare, Inc.

Ms. Cynthia Mason, OPTIONS Director and Ms. Natasha Pietrocola, Interim Administrator for the Division of Senior and Adult Services and Mr. Cortes, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0086. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Mason, Ms. Pietrocola and Mr. Cortes pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0086 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.

- d) R2023-0087: A Resolution making an award on RQ8737 to Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,654,343.00 for diversion services in connection with alternative housing and related services and support for COVID Recovery for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2872 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Elaine Gimmel, Executive Director; Ms. Emma Petrie Barcelona, Chief Operating Officer; and Mr. Richard Carr, Director of Real Estate, Development and Construction for Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc.; Ms. Erin Rearden, Social Program Administrator for the Office of Homeless Services and Mr. Merriman, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0087. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0087 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) R2023-0088: A Resolution making an award on RQ8737 to Joseph's Home in the amount not-to-exceed \$605,000.00 for building rehabilitation and homeless prevention strategies in connection with alternative housing and related services and support for COVID Recovery for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2873 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Merriman and Ms. Beth Graham, Executive Director for Joseph and Mary's Home, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0088. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0088 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) R2023-0089: A Resolution making an award on RQ8737 to Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,798,000.00 for building rehabilitation in connection with alternative housing and related services and support for COVID Recovery for the period 7/1/2022 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 3137 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Gimmel and Mr. Carr addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0089. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Gimmel and Mr. Carr pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0089 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) R2023-0090: A Resolution authorizing amendments to agreements and contracts with various providers for various programs and services for the Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative for the period 4/1/2021 – 3/31/2023 to extend the time period to 3/31/2024 and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$825,500.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendments and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Agreements:

- 1) Agreement No. 1046 with Cuyahoga County District Board of Health in the amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.00 for the Prevent Premature Fatherhood Program.
- 2) Agreement No. 1058 with The MetroHealth System in the amount not-to-exceed \$44,000.00 for the Boot Camp for New Dads Program.

Contracts:

- 3) Contract No. 1054 with Career Development and Placement Strategies, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00 for the Rising Above Program.
- 4) Contract No. 1061 with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$83,000.00 for the Families and Fathers Together Program.
- 5) Contract No. 1055 with The Children’s Museum of Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$32,000.00 for the Dad’s Court Program.
- 6) Contract No. 1057 with Domestic Violence and Advocacy Center dba Journey Center for Safety and

Healing in the amount not-to-exceed \$117,000.00 for the Supervised Visitation Program.

- 7) Contract No. 1056 with JDC Advertising in the amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.00 for a Public Awareness Campaign.
- 8) Contract No. 1059 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.00 for the Strong Fathers Program.
- 9) Contract No. 1060 with Passages Connecting Fathers and Sons, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00 for the Jobs for Dads Program.
- 10) Contract No. 1062 with Towards Employment in the amount not-to-exceed \$97,500.00 for the Fatherhood Career Pathway Program.
- 11) Contract No. 1063 with University Settlement, Incorporated in the amount not-to-exceed \$52,000.00 for the Healthy Fathering Program.

Mr. Merriman, Mr. Cortes and Mr. Al Grimes, Social Program Administrator for the Fatherhood Initiative Program, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0090. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2023-0090 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.

Ms. Stephens, Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Turner and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m., without objection.