



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

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 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the committee regarding financial support to the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 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 November 22, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0259: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000 to To Attain Healing LLC for the community mental behavioral health center project from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor for County Council introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2023-0259. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. McAleer pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

Ms. Tara Hill, Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Angelique Williams, Founder of Let Art Breathe, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0259. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Hill and Ms. Williams pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0259 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0010: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Zeta Omega Foundation for the Annual Food Basket Giveaway from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Anthony Scott, Esquire and President of the Zeta Omega Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0010. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Scott pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0010 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Conwell requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- c) R2024-0011: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Devin Moore Heart Foundation for the CPR/AED Preparedness Training Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. George Berry, Treasurer of the Devin Moore Heart Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0011. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Berry pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Ms. Conwell introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2024-0011 to increase the total sum of the award by \$5,000.00 from District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund for a total award not-to-exceed \$15,000.

A motion was then made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0011 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2024-0025: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. 3381 with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for reimbursement of staffing services for the DD Medicaid Waiver Program for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023 to extend the time period to 12/31/2024, to make budget line item revisions effective 1/1/2024, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$527,573.69; 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, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0025. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0025 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) R2024-0026: A Resolution making an award on RQ13370 to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,350,000.00 for Adult Guardianship services for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 4013 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Cortes, Ms. Natasha Pietrocola, Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services; and Ms. Kendra Daniel, Vice President, Quality & Compliance and Director of Guardianship Services for Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0026. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0026 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

Mr. Miller addressed the committee regarding legislation that was introduced by the City of Cleveland to create a large Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District to promote future economic development, which will divert increases in tax revenue from Health and Human Levy and other county taxes to the TIF Fund; and said he will hold a hearing in the Finance and Budgeting Committee on January 29th at 1:00 p.m. to discuss this proposal, which will be presented by Mr. Jeff Epstein, Chief Integrated Development Officer for the City of Cleveland. Ms. Conwell said she had spoken with Ms. Claire Rosacco, Vice President, Government Relations & Community Outreach for Cuyahoga Community College about the impact on the schools and asked Mr. Miller how this TIF District revenue in the City of Cleveland will impact the County's Health and Human Services Levy funds. Mr. Miller said that the TIF District includes most of downtown and part of the near west side in Cleveland but the revenue that is diverted to the TIF fund will, among other things, come out of Health and Human Services Levy funds, which affects services throughout Cuyahoga County.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m., without objection.