



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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 1:02 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

Loh addressed the committee regarding the challenges of persons experiencing homelessness at local shelters.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 17, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0035: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Bessie's Angels for the purpose of funding the Bessie's Hands Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. LaToya Smith, Vice Chair of Bessie's Angels, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0035. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0035 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0074: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3673 (fka 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 – 2/29/2024 to extend the time period to 2/28/2025 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, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0074. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0074 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. PRESENTATIONS

- a) 211 Phonenumber Program and various specialized services–
United Way of Greater Cleveland

Mr. Kenneth Surratt, Chief Development and Investment Officer and Mr. Franco Formichelli, Senior Director of 211 for United Way of Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee and provided an overview of specialized three-digit phone numbers, including 911, 988, 211 and 311; provided an overview of United Way 211 Phonenumber Program, specialized services offered by the organization and addressed support for constituent affairs calls.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Surratt and Mr. Formichelli pertaining to the presentation, which they answered accordingly.

- b) Overview and update of services and outreach efforts to increase the organization's ability to deliver services to the youth of Cuyahoga County – Youth Opportunities Unlimited

Mr. Craig Dorn, President and Chief Executive Officer of Youth Opportunities Unlimited, addressed the Committee and provided a brief history of the organization and an overview and update of services, core values, community impact, program costs, donor campaign efforts and the 2024 Summer Youth Employment Program process and timeline.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Dorn pertaining to the presentation, which he answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m., without objection.