



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 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 1:07 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 funding support for homeless services.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 3, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

[Clerk's Note: Item Nos. 6.a) and 6.b) were taken out of order and considered before Item Nos. 5.a) through 5.d)]

- a) R2024-0131: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to Front Steps Housing and Services, Inc. for the purpose of a Sustaining Stability Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sherri Brandon, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Matthew Anderson, Director of Development and Mr. David Gretick, Chief Operating Officer for Front Steps Housing and Services, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0131. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Brandon, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Gretick pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0131 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0134: Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Make Them Know Your Name Foundation for the Heart Health Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

This item was held in Committee as the provider was unable to attend the meeting. No legislative action was taken on R2024-0134.

- c) R2024-0167: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3013 with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry for operations and case management services for a 400-bed Men's Emergency Shelter, located at 2100 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, and for facilitation and coordination of overflow shelter services for single adults and families at various locations for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024, to expand the scope of services and change the terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,350,000.00, effective upon contract signature of all 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.

Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. Melissa Sirak, Director of the Office of Homeless Services; Ms. Erin Kray, Associate Director of Housing and Shelter; Ms. Maria Foschia, President and Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Michael Sering, Vice President, Housing & Shelter for Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0167. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Ms. Sirak, Ms. Kray, Ms. Foschia and Mr. Sering pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0167 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. Conwell, Ms. Turner and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- d) R2024-0168: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3272 (fka Contract No. 2730) with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. for Rapid Re-housing and housing stabilization services for the period 1/1/2022 – 6/30/2024 to extend the time period to 12/31/2025, to change the terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,985,300.00, effective upon contract signature of all 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.

Ms. Sirak, Ms. Emma Petrie Barcelona, Chief Operating Officer and Ms. Jessie Beck, Director of Rental Assistance for Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0168. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Sirak, Ms. Petrie Barcelona and Ms. Beck pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0168 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) Social & Religious Services - Tresalyn Butler-Sharp, Director, Social Services, Franklin County Sheriff's Office

Ms. Tresalyn Butler-Sharp, Director, Social Services for Franklin County Sheriff's Office made a presentation to the committee regarding the mission, vision and values of the office; provided statistics related to the corrections centers population, staffing, programs offered and prosocial activities. Discussion ensued. Committee members asked questions of Ms. Butler-Sharp pertaining to the presentation, which she answered accordingly.

- b) Home Repair Program - Roger Carney, Controller, Community Housing Solutions

Mr. Roger Carney, Controller for Community Housing Solutions made a presentation to the committee regarding the Home Repair Program and included before and after photos of various projects in District 7 that were accomplished with the use of ARPA funding provided by County Council.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Turner recognized May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m., without objection.