



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 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 1:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Ms. Turner from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the committee members and expressed her support for the renovations to the women's homeless shelter.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 10, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 6.a) was taken out of order and considered before Item Nos. 5.a) and 5.b)]

- a) R2024-0268: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$6,100, to Motivated and Empowered Inc. for the Take the Limits Off Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Bianca Crawford, Founder and Executive Director of Motivated and Empowered Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0268. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Sweeney requested to add funds in the amount of \$3,900.00 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund which will be incorporated into a proposed substitute for consideration at the next Council meeting for second reading.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor for County Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0268. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0268 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0288: A Resolution authorizing an Affordable Rental Housing Development Loan to Cuyahoga TAY LP, or its designee, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$600,000.00 for the development and construction of a new 50-unit supportive housing building for foster care transition-aged youth experiencing homelessness in Cuyahoga County; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Housing and Community Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development; Ms. Laura Boustani, Vice President of External Affairs and Ms. Jennifer Chandler, Assistant Director – Real Estate Development for CHN Housing Partners, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0288. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson, Ms. Boustani and Ms. Chandler pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0288 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

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

6. PRESENTATION

- a) **Community Center Capital Repair, Renovation and Expansion Project - Lovell Custard, President and Chief Executive Officer, Murtis Taylor Human Services System**

Mr. Lovell Custard, President and Chief Executive Officer of Murtis Taylor Human Services System made a presentation to the committee, which included changes in the scope of renovations, updated costs and the anticipated completion date of the Community Center Capital Repair, Renovation and Expansion Project.

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

Mr. McAleer addressed the Committee regarding the language in the adopted legislation that addresses the project completion date. Discussion ensued.

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

7. DISCUSSION

- a) **Contract with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$875,000.00 for repairs, rehabilitation and renovation of Norma Herr Women's Shelter temporary location at 2710 Walton Avenue, Cleveland, effective upon signature of all parties.**

Ms. Melissa Sirak, Director of the Office of Homeless Services; Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Ms. Elaine Gimmel, Executive Director and Mr. Richard Carr, Director of Real Estate Development and Construction for Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding a contract for repairs, rehabilitation and renovation of Norma Herr Women's Shelter temporary location at 2710 Walton Avenue, Cleveland. Discussion ensued.

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

There was no legislative action taken on the discussion item.

- b) Amendment to a master contract with various providers for the Community Social Services Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025 to add vendors, effective 5/6/2024 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,923,154.00 as follows:

Existing vendors

- 1) Contract No. 3716 with Ashbury Community Services, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Adult Development services.
- 2) Contract No. 3717 with Catholic Charities Corporation – Fatima Family Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$95,000.00 for Adult Development services.
- 3) Contract No. 3763 with Catholic Charities Corporation – Hispanic Senior Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.00 for Adult Development, Meals, Transportation and Community Outreach services.
- 4) Contract No. 3765 with Catholic Charities Corporation – St. Martin De Porres in the amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00 for Adult Development and Transportation services.
- 5) Contract No. 3766 with City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,000.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 6) Contract No. 3757 with City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$85,000.00 for Adult Development and Transportation services.
- 7) Contract No. 3758 with City of Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$54,000.00 for Adult Development and Transportation services.
- 8) Contract No. 3759 with City of Lakewood in the amount not-to-exceed \$55,000.00 for Adult Development and Transportation services.
- 9) Contract No. 3760 with City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$81,878.00 for Meals and Transportation services.
- 10) Contract No. 3761 with City of Olmsted Falls in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.00 for Adult Development services.
- 11) Contract No. 3742 with City of Parma – Donna Smallwood Activities Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$23,000.00 for Adult Development and Meals services.
- 12) Contract No. 3751 with City of Parma Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$140,000.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 13) Contract No. 3743 with City of Solon in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.00 for Adult Development services.
- 14) Contract No. 3744 with City of Strongsville in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 for Adult Development and Transportation services.
- 15) Contract No. 3745 with Cleveland Clergy Alliance in the amount not-to-exceed \$84,000.00 for Community Outreach services.
- 16) Contract No. 3746 with Community Partnership on Aging in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 for Adult Development and Transportation services.
- 17) Contract No. 3738 with East End Neighborhood House, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$81,000.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 18) Contract No. 3739 with Famicos Foundation, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.00 for Adult Development and Transportation services.
- 19) Contract No. 3740 with Harvard Community Services Center, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$157,256.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.

- 20) Contract No. 3741 with Jennings Center for Older Adults in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,000.00 for Adult Day Service, Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 21) Contract No. 3752 with Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP) in the amount not-to-exceed \$55,000.00 for Adult Development services.
- 22) Contract No. 3896 with Near West Side Multi-Service Corporation dba May Dugan Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.00 for Adult Development services.
- 23) Contract No. 3754 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 24) Contract No. 3755 with Rose Centers for Aging Well, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 25) Contract No. 3756 with Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$105,000.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation.
- 26) Contract No. 3721 with Senior Transportation Connection in the amount not-to-exceed \$105,000.00 for Transportation services.
- 27) Contract No. 3730 with The Phillis Wheatley Association in the amount not-to-exceed \$0.00 for Meals services.
- 28) Contract No. 3726 with The Salvation Army in the amount not-to-exceed \$45,000.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 29) Contract No. 3727 with University Settlement in the amount not-to-exceed \$0.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 30) Contract No. 3728 with West Side Community House in the amount not-to-exceed \$73,000.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.

New Vendors

- 31) Contract No. 4507 with Catholic Charities Corporation – Good Shepherd Family Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$234,000.00 for Adult Development and Meals services.
- 32) Contract No. 4649 with City of Bedford Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$170,000.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.
- 33) Contract No. 4506 with Mandel Jewish Community Center of Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$385,000.00 for Adult Development, Meals and Transportation services.

Mr. Merriman, Ms. Natasha Pietrocola, Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services and Mr. Aaron Carlson, Program Officer for the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding the amendment to a master contract with various providers for the Community Social Services Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025 to add vendors, effective 5/6/2024 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,923,154.00. Discussion ensued.

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

There was no legislative action taken on the discussion item.

Mr. Miller requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m., without objection.