



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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. Councilmember Byrne was also in attendance.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 30, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0390: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$15,000, to Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. for the HVAC Capital Upgrade Project from the District 3, District 7, and District 9 ARPA Community Grant Funds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Yolanda Armstrong, President and Chief Executive Officer for Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0390. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor for Council, introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2024-0390. Discussion ensued.

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

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0390 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.

- b) R2024-0391: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the YMCA of Greater Cleveland for the Parker Hannifin Downtown YMCA Financial Assistance Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Tiffany Foxx, Senior Vice President of Branch Operations for the YMCA of Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0391. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0391 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2024-0392: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$6,500, to the City of Middleburg Heights for the Senior Life Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Mark Elliott, Recreation Director for the City of Middleburg Heights, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0392. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0392 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2024-0393: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$6,500, to the City of Parma Heights for the purchase of exercise equipment for the Parma Heights Senior Center from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Trish James, Senior Center Administrator for the City of Parma Heights, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0393. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0393 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- e) R2024-0394: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$6,500, to the Parma Commission on Aging, Inc. for the Hearing Loop Installation Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Erin Lally, Director for the Parma Commission on Aging, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0394. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Conwell requested to add funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund which will be incorporated into a proposed substitute for consideration at the next Council meeting for second reading.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0394 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- f) R2024-0399: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Alumni Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship Foundation for the Community Expungement Clinic Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Jermaine Brooks, President of the Cleveland Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0399. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0399 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- g) R2024-0400: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Young Women’s Christian Association of Cleveland for the purpose of eliminating racism, empowering women, and ending homelessness from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Helen Forbes Fields, President and Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Cynthia Dailey, Executive Vice President, Programs for the Young Women’s Christian Association of Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0400. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Forbes Fields and Ms. Dailey pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0400 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- h) R2024-0423: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for community-based services to support at-risk children and families in Cuyahoga County for the period 4/1/2021 – 12/31/2024, to extend the time period to 3/31/2025, to make budget line-item revisions, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,228,433.65, effective 1/1/2025; 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:

- 1) Agreement No. 1100 with Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$61,981.30.
- 2) Contract No. 4754 with East End Neighborhood House in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$61,981.30.

- 3) Contract No. 1103 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$198,013.23.
- 4) Contract No. 1105 with University Settlement in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$220,517.29.
- 5) Contract No. 3261 (fka Contract No. 1098) with Catholic Charities Corporation in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$172,489.94.
- 6) Agreement No. 3262 (fka Agreement No. 1099) with City of Lakewood in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$146,466.65.
- 7) Contract No. 3263 (fka Contract No. 1102) with Harvard Community Services Center in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$74,050.64.
- 8) Contract No. 3264 (fka Contract No. 1104) with The Centers for Families and Children in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$110,258.64.
- 9) Contract No. 3269 (fka Contract No. 1106) with West Side Community House in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$182,674.66.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services and Ms. Beverly Torres, Deputy Administrator for the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0423. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0423 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- i) R2024-0424: A Resolution making awards on RQ14613 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$5,330,000.00 for family-centered support services for at-risk children and families for the period of 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 4931 with Ace Wellness Center LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$140,000.00.
- 2) Contract No. 4932 with Applewood Centers, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,100,000.00.
- 3) Contract No. 4934 with Beech Brook in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$800,000.00.
- 4) Contract No. 4935 with Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$222,000.00.
- 5) Contract No. 4936 with Catholic Charities Corporation in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,200,000.00.
- 6) Contract No. 4937 with JusticeWorks OH, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$128,000.00.
- 7) Contract No. 4938 with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba Frontline Service in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$360,000.00.
- 8) Contract No. 4939 with National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$140,000.00.
- 9) Contract No. 4940 with OhioGuidestone in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00.
- 10) Contract No. 4941 with Pressley Ridge in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$800,000.00.
- 11) Contract No. 4942 with Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Ohio, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$140,000.00.

Mr. Cortes and Ms. Karen Stormann, Social Program Administrator for the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0424. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0424 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

- j) R2024-0425: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for Cuyahoga OPTIONS for Independent Living Services Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025 for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$600,000.00; 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:

For additional funds:

- 1) Contract No. 3732 with A-1 Health Care, Inc. for Homemaker and Personal Care Services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,300.00.
- 2) Contract No. 3733 with Senior Transportation Connection for Transportation services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00.
- 3) Contract No. 3736 with Transport Assistance, Inc. for Transportation services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$6,000.00.
- 4) Contract No. 3750 with XCEL Healthcare Providers, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$16,000.00.
- 5) Contract No. 3768 with PurFoods, LLC dba Mom's Meals for Home Delivered Meals services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00.
- 6) Contract No. 3769 with U-First Homecare Services for Homemaker and Personal Care services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$15,000.00.
- 7) Contract No. 3771 with Rent a Daughter Senior Care, Inc. for Homemaker and Personal Care services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$18,000.00.
- 8) Contract No. 3772 with Rose Centers for Aging Well, LLC for Home Delivered Meals services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$7,900.00.
- 9) Contract No. 3779 with ABC International Services, Inc. for Chore and Grab Bar services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$5,900.00.

- 10) Contract No. 3790 with Fernandez Property Group Ohio for Grab Bar services. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$500.00.
- 11) Contract No. 3791 with First Choice Medical Staffing of Ohio, Inc. for Homemaker and Personal Care services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$7,500.00.
- 12) Contract No. 3792 with Casleo Corporation dba Global Meals for Home Delivered Meals services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$235,800.00.
- 13) Contract No. 3794 with Essence Health Services, Inc. for Homemaker and Personal Care services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$7,100.00.
- 14) Contract No. 4798 (fka Contract No. 3749) with Blue Heron Holdings, LLC for Laundry services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$18,000.00.
- 15) Contract No. 4958 (fka Contract No. 3776) with Axess Family Services, Inc. dba Mobile Meals for Home Delivered Meals services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$11,000.00.

No additional funds required:

- 1) Contract No. 3735 with TOBI Transportation LLC for Transportation services.
- 2) Contract No. 3747 with Valued Relationships, Inc. for Emergency Response System services.
- 3) Contract No. 3770 with Renaissance Home Health Care, Inc. for Homemaker, Personal Care and Laundry services.
- 4) Contract No. 3773 with Geocare, Inc. dba Home Instead Senior Care for Homemaker services.
- 5) Contract No. 3775 with Home Care Relief, Inc. for Homemaker services.
- 6) Contract No. 3781 with Addus HealthCare (South Carolina), Inc. dba Arcadia Home Care & Staffing for Homemaker and Personal Care Services.

- 7) Contract No. 3788 with Connect America.com LLC for Emergency Response System services.
- 8) Contract No. 3789 with Caring Hearts Health Services LLC for Homemaker, Personal Care, Chore and Laundry services.

Mr. Cortes and Ms. Natasha Pietrocola, Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0425. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0425 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.

- k) R2024-0428: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 4868 with The Salvation Army for supportive services for homeless men in the Pickup Assessment Sheltering Service (PASS) Transitional Housing Program for the period 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024 to extend the time period to 9/30/2025, to make budget line-item revisions, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$800,101.00, effective 10/1/2024; 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. Melissa Sirak, Director of the Division of Homeless Services and Mr. Beau Hill, Executive Director of The Salvation Army Harbor Light Complex, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0428. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0428 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.

- l) R2024-0429: A Resolution making awards with various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$4,000,000.00 for operating support of Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - approved permanent housing services for the period 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Contract and all other documents

consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 4700 with Emerald Development & Economic Network, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,910,166.00.
- 2) Contract No. 4701 with Famicos Foundation, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$300,194.00.
- 3) Contract No. 4702 with Front Steps Housing & Services, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$556,860.00.
- 4) Contract No. 4703 with Humility of Mary Housing, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$221,592.00.
- 5) Contract No. 4704 with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba FrontLine Services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$357,386.00.
- 6) Contract No. 4705 with The Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Cleveland, Ohio - YWCA Cogswell Hall in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$370,650.00.
- 7) Contract No. 4706 with The Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Cleveland, Ohio - YWCA Independence Place in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$283,152.00.

Ms. Sirak addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0429. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0429 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. Turner, Ms. Conwell and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- m) R2024-0430: A Resolution making an award to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,108,549.00 for joint transition and rapid housing project services in connection with the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing

the County Executive to execute Contract No. 4944 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sirak addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0430. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0430 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.

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

- n) R2024-0431: A Resolution making an award on RQ15000 to Oriana House, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,737,594.00 for administration and operational services for the Neighborhood Re-entry Resource Center for the period 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 4970 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Cortes addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0431. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0431 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Miller commended Ms. Conwell for managing the large volume of items on this agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m., without objection.