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CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brady called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Brady asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Brady, Conwell, Jones, Greenspan and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Germana and Rogers were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments related to the agenda were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 30, 2013 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2013 meeting.

5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2013-0254: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1200211-01 with United Way of Greater Cleveland for emergency food purchase and distribution to Cuyahoga County hunger centers and food pantries serving residents in need for the period 4/1/2012 - 12/31/2013 to extend the time period to 12/31/2014 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,095,450.00; 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. Joseph Gauntner, Administrator Job and Family Services; Ms. Nancy Mendez, Program Director for United Way of Greater Cleveland; and Mr. James Boyle, Special Assistant to County Executive FitzGerald, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0254. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Gauntner, Ms. Mendez and Mr. Boyle pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2013-0254 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

- a) Discussion of Hunger in Cuyahoga County – Agency representatives will discuss the state of hunger in Cuyahoga County, the impact of reductions in food stamps and the elimination of food stamp eligibility:

- 1) Anne Goodman, President & CEO - Cleveland Foodbank
- 2) Dana Irribarren, Executive Director - Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland
- 3) Nancy Mendez, Director of Health Community Impact - United Way of Greater Cleveland

Ms. Mendez; Ms. Anne Goodman, President and CEO of the Cleveland Foodbank; Ms. Dana Irribarren, Executive Director of the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland; and Mr. Mike Teichman, President of the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding the state of hunger in Cuyahoga County and the impact of the reductions in food stamps and the elimination of food stamp eligibility. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Mendez, Ms. Goodman, Ms. Irribarren and Mr. Teichman pertaining to the items, which they answered accordingly.

- b) Discussion of resources available for 2014/2015 biennium (including HHS levy funds, PA fund balance, general fund balance, and Medicaid tax funds):

- 1) Rick Werner, Director of Health and Human Services
- 2) John Corlett, Vice President of Government Relations and Community Affairs - The MetroHealth System

Mr. Rick Werner, Director of Health and Human Services; Mr. Matthew Rubino, Director of the Office of Budget Management; Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; and Mr. John Corlett, Vice President of Government Relations and

Community Affairs for The MetroHealth System, addressed the Committee regarding the resources available for the 2014/2015 biennium including HHS levy funds, PA fund balance, general fund balance, Medicaid tax funds and the 2014 sales tax estimates. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Werner, Mr. Rubino, Mr. McAleer and Mr. Corlett, pertaining to the items, which they answered accordingly.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No other public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Greenspan, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m., without objection.