



**AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM**

***Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cuyahoga County Administration Building is closed to the public at this time. As this meeting is being conducted remotely, in accordance with HB 197, interested persons may access the meeting via livestream by using the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/CuyahogaCounty>**

****Public comment for this meeting may be submitted in writing via email to the Assistant Deputy Clerk of Council at arjohnson@cuyahogacounty.us no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 19, 2020 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2020-0092: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of David Merriman, upon his taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**



MINUTES

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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 Johnson to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Brown, Miller and Stephens were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones entered the meeting after the roll-call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 5, 2020 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2020 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2020-0049: A Resolution making an award on RQ45365 to The MetroHealth System in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,067,000.00 for comprehensive medical services for families involved with the Division of Children and Family Services for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Christine Alexander, Administrator for the Division of Contract Administration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0049. Discussion Ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0049 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.

- b) R2020-0050: A Resolution making an award on RQ45811 to Bitfocus, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$536,560.00 for implementation, configuration, migration, operation and maintenance of the Clarity Homeless Management Information System for the period 3/10/2020 - 12/31/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Ruth Gillett, Manager of the Office of Homeless Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0050. Discussion Ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2020-0050 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. PRESENTATION

- a) Update regarding Thriving Communities

Mr. Frank Ford, Senior Policy Advisor with the Thriving Communities Institute; and Mr. Jay Westbrook, Special Projects Manager with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, provided the Committee with an update on the housing market in Cuyahoga County; including mortgage foreclosure demographics, median home prices, property tax delinquency, loan rejection rates and lender activity. Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2020-0092

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of David Merriman, upon his taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 8.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides for the establishment of a Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8.02 of the Charter, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Armond Budish has nominated David Merriman for appointment to the position of Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Council conducted a confirmation hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on _____, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of David Merriman to the position of Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of David Merriman as Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, upon his taking the oath office.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided

that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: May 12, 2020
Committee(s) Assigned: Health, Human Services & Aging

Journal _____
_____, 2020



Cuyahoga County
Together We Thrive

Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County Executive

March 6, 2020

Dan Brady, President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 E.9th, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Director of Health and Human Services

Dear President Brady,

In accordance with Article VIII, section 8.01 of the Cuyahoga County Charter, the Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) "shall administer all programs and activities for which the County has or has assumed responsibility for the protection and enhancement of the health, education and well-being of County residents." The County Director of HHS should be someone with exceptional knowledge and compassion, administrative and managerial skills requisite to lead a large department, and the relationships with local community partners to effectively deliver services and programs vital to all County residents. David Merriman possesses these qualities to serve as the next Director of Health and Human Services for Cuyahoga County.

Mr. Merriman has served in various leadership roles for Health and Human Services since 2012. In 2019, David became the Interim Director for Health and Human Services and currently serves in that role.

I am proud to nominate David Merriman to serve as the County's Director of Health and Human Services, because of his experience with the department, his deep understanding of the department's functions, and his commitment to its mission. I ask that this nomination be addressed as soon as Council's schedule allows.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Michele Pomerantz in my office at 216-443-7125.

Sincerely,

Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County Executive



EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Cleveland, Ohio

Cuyahoga Department of Health and Human Services-Interim Director, 2019 to Present

- Carry out Article VIII of the Cuyahoga County Charter by providing leadership to the eight HHS department that address the health and welfare needs of all county residents.
- Manage operations for the Department of Health and Human Services and it's 2,000+ employees and over \$200 million in contracts and services.

Cuyahoga Department of Health and Human Services-Assistant Director, 2017 to Present

- Support operations of the eight HHS divisions and liaison with the County Executive to improve interagency operations and intergovernmental cooperation
- Manage implementation of the DHHS strategic plan and support its integration with the Cuyahoga County Strategic Plan

Cuyahoga Job and Family Services- Administrator of Income Maintenance, 2014 to 2017

- Provide leadership to 795 staff, stationed in five operation centers, and serving 400,000+ residents yearly
- Manage IT, service/program, and evaluation contracts with a budget in excess of \$70,000,000

Office of the Executive- Deputy Chief of Staff Health and Human Services, 2012 TO 2014

- Led Health and Human Services biennial budget processes allocating \$227,000,000 of the HHS Levy and other funds while coordinating efforts with the OBM and County Council
- Launch the Pay for Success/Social Impact Bond government financing project

Office of the Executive-Special Assistant, 2010 TO 2012

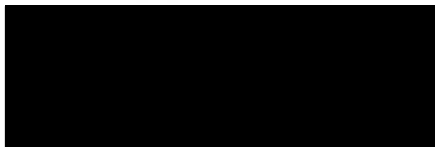
- Clerk of the *Cuyahoga County Board of Control* and the *Cuyahoga County Contracts and Purchasing Board*, responsible for the development and administration of two public contracting approval boards
- Chair of the MetroHealth Taskforce, overseeing the establishment of new accountability, transparency, and ongoing communication benchmarks

CLEVELAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Cleveland, Ohio

Office of HIV/AIDS Services-Project Director, 2002 TO 2010

- Led HIV/STD prevention and testing services for the Greater Cleveland area and managed budgets, legislation, federal grants, contracts, and purchasing for over \$2.2 million in funding
- Team management and personnel functions for direct report unionized, clerical, and management staff



CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Cleveland, Ohio

Department of Children and Family Services-Social Service Worker 3, 1999 TO 2001

- Provide ongoing case management services to 20-30 families and investigate allegations of child abuse and neglect

EDUCATION

SOCIAL WORK, MASTER OF ARTS, 2002

Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio

SOCIAL WORK, BACHELOR OF ARTS, 1996

Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio

COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE NEAR WEST INTERGENERATIONAL SCHOOL

Cleveland, Ohio

Board of Trustees, 2012-2017

- Two term board member for inner-city community school offering high quality K-8 education in partnership with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District

THE CLEVELAND FOUNDATION

Cleveland, Ohio

Neighborhood Connections- founding Grantmaking Committee Member, 2002-2005

- Provide grant funding to grassroots groups engaged in small grant community development
- Founding membership team

AMERICORP.

Cleveland, Ohio

NearWest Food and Family Service Center-Meals Coordinator, 1996-1997

- Direct a two site soup kitchen, serving 200-300+ persons/night, three nights a week

PUBLIC COMMITTEE AFFILIATIONS

- Taskforce to Reduce Dependence on Public Assistance, 2015
- Greater Cleveland Reentry Strategy-Health Care Subcommittee, 2010-2011; 2018-present
- Cuyahoga County Homeless Services Continuum Of Care-Review and Ranking Subcommittee, Co-Chair, 2007-2011
- Invest In Children-Goal 1 Subcommittee, Co-Chair 2005-2006