



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 29, 2020 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2020 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2020-0167: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1700154-01 with Case Western Reserve University for fiscal agent services in connection with facilitation of the First Year Cleveland Initiative for the period 6/1/2016 - 12/31/2019 to extend the time period to 12/31/2021 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00; 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.

Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. Bernadette Kerrigan, Executive Director of First Year Cleveland; and Mr. Victor Manolache, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0167. Discussion ensued.

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

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Stephens and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2020-0167 by deleting “*for fiscal agent services in connection with facilitation of the First Year Cleveland Initiative*” and by inserting “*for fiscal agent services, facilitation and contracted services in connection with the First Year Cleveland Initiative* “ throughout the Resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0167 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, as amended.

- b) R2020-0199: A Resolution authorizing amendments to contracts with various providers for the Propel Cuyahoga - Workforce Services Program for the period 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020 to extend the time period to 6/30/2021, to change the terms, effective 3/9/2020, and for additional funds; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendments and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - i. No. CE1900202-01 with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,912,110.29.
 - ii. No. CE1900203-01 with Maximus Human Services Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,606,136.95.

Mr. Merriman; Mr. Kevin Gowan, Director for Job and Family Services; Mr. Monty Starks, Project Manager with Maximus; Ms. Carole Beaty, Chief of Family & Work Programs with the Centers for Families and Children; Ms. Melissa Russoniello, Operations Manager with the Centers for Families and Children; Ms. Lisa Evans, Co-Founder of Verge, Inc.; Ms. Patricia Varanese, Program Director with Catholic Charities; and Ms. Christine Alexander, Administrator for the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0199. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Mr. Gowan, Mr. Starks, Ms. Beaty, Ms. Russoniello, Ms. Evans, Ms. Varanese and Ms. Alexander pertaining to the item which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2020-0199 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.

- c) R2020-0203: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1700229-01 with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba FrontLine Service for coordinated intake and assessment services for homeless individuals and families for the period 1/1/2018 - 8/31/2020 to extend the time period to 12/31/2021 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$800,000.00; 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.

Mr. Merriman; Ms. Ruth Gillett, Program Director for the Office of Homeless Services; and Ms. Melissa Sirak, Assistant Program Director for the Office of Homeless Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0203. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0203 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.

- d) R2020-0204: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1700066-01 with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry for emergency shelter services for single adults at the Men's Emergency Shelter, located at 2100 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, and coordination of overflow shelter services at various locations for the period 5/1/2017 - 12/31/2020 to change the scope of services, effective 9/29/2020, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,627,924.00; 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.

Ms. Sirak and Mr. Michael Sering, Vice President of Housing & Shelter with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0204. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2020-0204 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

Ms. Conwell provided the Committee with an update on the Citizens Advisory Council on Equity, the de-escalation training for frontline employees with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the children's room at the Jane Edna Hunter building and safe transportation strategies for the children in DCFS custody, statements received from Ms. Margaret Mitchell regarding racial equity issues within the homeless community and she also announced that there will be a Committee meeting in October to provide an update on the Department of Developmental Disabilities.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m., without objection.