



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
1:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 3, 2023 MEETING

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2023 meeting.**

### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0126: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$70,000, to the Greater Cleveland Faith Based Initiative Group for the purpose of Project Reach Anti-Violence Program from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Reverend Timothy Eppinger, President of the Greater Cleveland Faith Based Initiative Group, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0126. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Reverend Eppinger pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0126 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2023-0129: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$15,000, to the Village of Healing for the Culturally-Sensitive Mental Health Care for Cuyahoga County's Black Women from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Da'na Langford, Chief Executive Officer and Medical Director of the Village of Healing, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0129. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0129 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- c) R2023-0139: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3272 (fka Contract No. 2730) with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. for Rapid Re-housing services for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023 to extend the time period to 6/30/2024, to change the terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$902,677.31; 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 and Ms. Erin Rearden, Social Program Administrator for the Office of Homeless Services; and Ms. Emma Petrie Barcelona, Chief Operating Officer for Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0139. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Sirak, Ms. Rearden and Ms. Petrie Barcelona pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0139 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Ms. Conwell commented that the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee members and the Director and Administrator from the Division of Senior and Adult Services were invited to speak at the last Council on Older Persons (COOP) meeting at Fairhill Partners, where they shared information regarding the programs that are currently being worked on at the County.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m., without objection.**