



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023

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 Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Sweeney, Turner and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Stephens arrived after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Simon was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the Committee regarding the various housing challenges to persons experiencing homelessness.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 28, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0190: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Birthing Beautiful Communities for the Birth Center facility project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Jazmin Long, President and Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Michael Bowen, Board Chair of Birthing Beautiful Communities, addressed the Committee and Councilmember regarding Resolution No. R2023-0190. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0190 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

- b) R2023-0192: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$23,000, to Share Homes Inc. for the SAFETEE Mental Health Tracker from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Rhonda Turpin, Director of Share Homes Inc., addressed the Committee and Councilmember regarding Resolution No. R2023-0192. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0192 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

- c) R2023-0201: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. 2833 with The MetroHealth System for comprehensive medical services for families involved with the Division of Children and Family Services for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023 for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,038,459.52; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts Administration and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services and Ms. Karen Stormann, Social Program Administrator for the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee and Councilmember regarding Resolution No. R2023-0201. 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 Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0201 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension.

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m., without objection.