



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026—1:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Yvonne M. Conwell, Chair | Dist. 7
Martin J. Sweeney, Vice Chair | Dist. 3
Mark Casselberry | Dist. 4
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10
Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Conwell asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Casselberry, Houser and Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Sweeney was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 1, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0112: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$12,500, to the Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services for the Your Voice Matters Youth Voting Summit from the District 7 and District 10 ARPA Community Grant Funds, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Yvonne Dortch, Voting Rights Coordinator for the Department of Health & Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0112. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0112 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2026-0119: A Resolution making awards on various requisitions to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$232,723,509.00 for out-of-home placement and foster care services for the period 4/1/2026 – 3/31/2029; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

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- 1) Contract No. 6124 with Adelphoi Village, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$487,240.00.
- 2) Contract No. 6125 with Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,801,690.00.
- 3) Contract No. 6092 with Applewood Centers, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$3,302,260.00.
- 4) Contract No. 6126 with Artis's Tender Love & Care, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$6,888,220.00.
- 5) Contract No. 6127 with Beech Brook in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$4,611,040.00.
- 6) Contract No. 6114 with Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$10,033,360.00.
- 7) Contract No. 6129 with BHC Belmont Pines Hospital, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$2,312,060.00.
- 8) Contract No. 6130 with BHC Fox Run Hospital, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,008,250.00.
- 9) Contract No. 6089 with Caring for Kids, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$5,731,300.00.
- 10) Contract No. 6091 with Carrington Behavioral Health LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$4,161,110.00.
- 11) Contract No. 6094 with Catholic Charities Corporation in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,384,320.00.
- 12) Contract No. 6096 with Christian Children's Home of Ohio, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$3,906,710.00.
- 13) Contract No. 6138 with The Cleveland Christian Home Incorporated in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$16,788,870.00.
- 14) Contract No. 6141 with Cornell Abraxas Group LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$3,314,120.00.
- 15) Contract No. 6142 with Destiny Family Services, LLC, in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$3,988,900.00.
- 16) Contract No. 6143 with Gracehaven, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$757,750.00.

- 17) Contract No. 6148 with Habilitation Center, LLC dba Little Creek Behavioral Health in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$10,418,030.00.
- 18) Contract No. 6149 with Habilitation Center, LLC dba Millcreek of Arkansas in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.
- 19) Contract No. 6135 with HMIH Cedar Crest, LLC dba Cedar Crest Hospital and RTC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,375,210.00.
- 20) Contract No. 6134 with In Focus of Cleveland, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,837,310.00.
- 21) Contract No. 6107 with Keystone Richland Center LLC dba Foundations for Living in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$2,422,930.00.
- 22) Contract No. 6108 with Lakeland Hospital Acquisition, LLC dba Lakeland Behavioral Health System in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.
- 23) Contract No. 6137 with Lighthouse Youth & Family Services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$476,400.00.
- 24) Contract No. 6104 with Lutheran Homes Society, Inc. dba Genacross Family & Youth Services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$5,385,530.00.
- 25) Contract No. 6132 with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$3,367,460.00.
- 26) Contract No. 6098 with National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$22,813,890.00.
- 27) Contract No. 6106 with Necco SE, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$6,511,810.00.
- 28) Contract No. 6139 with Crossroads Health/New Directions in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$243,310.00.
- 29) Contract No. 6112 with Ohio Mentor, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$36,041,550.00.
- 30) Contract No. 6102 with OhioGuidestone in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$22,498,770.00.
- 31) Contract No. 6133 with Open Arms Adoptions, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$360,340.00.
- 32) Contract No. 6084 with Pathway Caring for Children in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$893,640.00.
- 33) Contract No. 6100 with Pathway to Purpose LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,922,180.00.
- 34) Contract No. 6086 with Piney Ridge Treatment Center, LLC dba Yellow Rock Behavioral Health in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.

- 35) Contract No. 6088 with Pressley Ridge in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,687,060.00.
- 36) Contract No. 6121 with Quality Care Residential Homes, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$5,060,510.00.
- 37) Contract No. 6109 with Raven House in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$594,550.00.
- 38) Contract No. 6122 with Rehabilitation Centers, LLC dba Millcreek of Pontotoc in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.
- 39) Contract No. 6123 with Rehabilitation Centers, LLC dba Millcreek of Magee in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$914,410.00.
- 40) Contract No. 6082 with Rolling Hills Hospital in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.
- 41) Contract No. 6131 with Safely Home, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.
- 42) Contract No. 6090 with Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Ohio, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$14,041,250.00.
- 43) Contract No. 6111 with The Bair Foundation in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,844,640.00.
- 44) Contract No. 6101 with The Buckeye Ranch, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,980,010.00.
- 45) Contract No. 6103 with The Village Network in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,858,290.00.
- 46) Contract No. 6097 with White Deer Run, LLC dba Cove Prep in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.
- 47) Contract No. 6115 with Youth Opportunity Investments LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,377,000.00.

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- 48) Contract No. 6128 with Benchmark Behavioral Health System, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$704,760.00.
- 49) Contract No. 6154 with The BridgeWay, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.
- 50) Contract No. 6087 with Cadence Care Network in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$2,761,470.00.
- 51) Contract No. 6110 with Life Start in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,745,450.00.
- 52) Contract No. 6099 with Northeast Ohio Adoption Services in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$175,350.00.

53) Contract No. 6105 with Nu Beginnings II, LLC in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.

54) Contract No. 6095 with Rite of Passage, Inc. dba Norris Academy in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.

55) Contract No. 6113 with Youth Villages, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.

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56) Contract No. 6081 with A Loving Heart Youth Services Incorporated in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$3,961,299.00 .

57) Contract No. 6140 with Compassion Care Group LP in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.

58) Contract No. 6136 with Harbor Point Behavioral Health Center, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,134,290.00.

59) Contract No. 6083 with RTC Resource Acquisition Corporation in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$0.00.

60) Contract No. 6085 with SP Behavioral, LLC dba Sandy Pines in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$925,170.00.

61) Contract No. 6117 with Young Star Academy LLC dba Mohican Young Star Academy in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$4,912,440.00.

Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. Karen Stormann, Deputy Director, Division of Children & Family Services, and Ms. Jacqueline Fletcher, Director of the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0119. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Mr. Cortes, Ms. Stormann and Ms. Fletcher pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2026-0119 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Conwell and Mr. Schleper 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 1:54 p.m., without objection.