

Cuyahoga County Council
Health, Human Services & Aging Committee

Dan Brady, Chair
Yvonne Conwell, Vice Chair

Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2011

1:00 pm.

Council Chambers

- I. Call to Order at 1:00 pm.
- II. Roll Call : Committee Members Present: Dan Brady, Yvonne Conwell, Michael Gallagher; Sunny Simon, Pernel Jones, Jr.; C. Ellen Connally also attended
- III. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2011; upon motion, duly made and seconded, the minutes of April 14, 2011 were approved as written
- IV. Public Comment - none
- V. Matters referred to Committee from 4/12/11 Council Meeting
 - a. **R2011-0159: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into an amendment to Agreement No. AG1000201-01 with Department of Workforce Development for operation of the Employment Connection One-Stop System, Career Centers and Work Experience Program for the period 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011 to extend the time period to 6/30/2012, to change the scope of services, effective 7/1/2011, and for additional funds in the amount of \$753,513.00.**

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Jacquelon Ward, Director of Employment & Family Services, presented on this Resolution and numbers -160, 0161 and 0162.

Judith Weybourne, Director of Employment Connections also spoke on 0159. Employment Connections is the joint city of Cleveland-county employment service; they have been very successful working with employers and matching jobs to workers; retention is a performance measure; can offer info for dislocated workers as well as underemployed

Upon motion, duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the R2011-0159 upon 2nd reading under suspension of the rules and to become immediately effective.

- b. **R2011-0160:** A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into an amendment to Contract No. CE1000623-01 with LNE & Associates, LLP, for job readiness, search, placement and retention activities for Ohio Works First cash recipients for the period 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011 to exercise an option to extend the time period to 6/30/2012 and for additional funds in the amount of \$428,518.08.

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Lisa Evans of LNE addressed the committee, explaining LNE's role in job readiness training; Jill Rizika of Towards Employment addressed the committee on TE's functions; Ingrid Angel, from WSEM- El Barrio also spoke. WSEM provides the only Spanish-speaking training. Each of these agencies provides similar services in different geographic areas; they help the unemployed or underemployed understand the workplace, attire, environment, on-line applications; they connect more hard to place population with community resources, if necessary

Upon motion, duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the R2011-0160 upon 2nd reading under suspension of the rules and to become immediately effective.

- c. **R2011-0161:** A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into an amendment to Contract No. CE1000592-01 with Towards Employment, Incorporated for job readiness, search, placement and retention activities for Ohio Works First cash recipients for the period 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011 to exercise an option to extend the time period to 6/30/2012 and for additional funds in the amount of \$436,617.15.

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Upon motion, duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the R2011-0161 upon 2nd reading under suspension of the rules and to become immediately effective.

- d. **R2011-0162:** A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into an amendment to Contract No. CE1000593-01 with West Side Ecumenical Ministry for job readiness, search, placement and retention activities for Ohio Works First cash recipients for the period 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011 to exercise an option to extend the time period to 6/30/2012 and for additional funds in the amount of \$473,901.21.

David Merriman – National Council of LaRaza – speaks to the commitment of the administration to diversity;

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Upon motion, duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the R2011-0162 upon 2nd reading under suspension of the rules and to become immediately effective.

VI. **Presentation – Department of Senior & Adult Services**, David S. Dombrosky, Interim Director. Mr. Dombrowsky discussed DSAS' mission; staffing, budget and programmatic issues; one staff member works on advocacy issues; COSE – affiliated Project COPE, helping caregivers who may be at risk of losing jobs to access community resources; quality assurance; community social services program; information and outreach; benefits checkup; community resources; DSAS is the only county agency in Ohio that provides longer-term case management referrals; Medicaid benefits; adult protective services – mandated program; Home Support program. Maureen Crider-Wallace, head of Adult Protective Services addressed how APS works. Joe Gauntner, Deputy Chief of Staff noted that Cuyahoga County is looked to as a standard across the state for the provision of services.

VII. Adjournment at 2:30