

**Cuyahoga County Council
Health, Human Services & Aging Committee**

Dan Brady, Chair
Yvonne Conwell, Vice Chair

Minutes

Thursday, May 26, 2011
1:00 pm.
Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brady at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. Councilmembers Brady, Conwell, Jones, Simon and Gallagher were all present and a quorum was determined.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2011

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Brady and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2011 meeting.

IV. Public Comment

Ms. Sabrina Otis addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to her relating to Employment & Family Services and Children & Family Services.

V. Matters referred to Committee

- a. R2011-0193: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into a contract with Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County in the amount not-to-exceed \$531,112.00 for fiscal and administrative services for County At-Risk Home Visiting Services for the Help Me Grow Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Human Services/Office of Early Childhood

Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Director of the Office of Early Childhood, addressed the Committee in regard to this program. This program is in response to the reduction of state funding and a narrowing of criteria for the Help Me Grow Program.

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2011-0193 was approved to be placed on the May 30, 2011 Special Council Meeting agenda for 2nd reading adoption under suspension of rules.

- b. R2011-0194: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into a contract with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,022,700.00 for the Shelter Plus Care Program in connection with the FY2010 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Programs for the period 4/10/2011 - 4/9/2012, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Human Services/Office of Homeless Services

Ms. Ruth Gillett, Manager of the Office of Homeless Services, addressed the Committee in regard to this program. The purpose of this program is to provide rent subsidies for disabled and mentally ill homeless citizens. The participants pay up to 30% of their income towards the cost of the rent and the Shelter Plus Care Program pays the balance. The program is partially funded through federal HUD grant monies.

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2011-0194 was approved to be placed on the May 30, 2011 Special Council Meeting agenda for 2nd reading adoption under suspension of rules.

- VI. Presentation – Alliance of Child and Family Service Providers, Mike Haggerty of the Village Network (Alliance President)

Mr. Mike Haggerty, President of the Alliance of Child and Family Service Providers, addressed the Committee in regard to this program. Representatives of each of the partner providers introduced themselves and provided information in regard to their agency.

- VII. Miscellaneous Business/Other Public Comment

There were no miscellaneous business items or further comment from the public.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chair Brady at 2:23 p.m., without objection.