



MINUTES  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022  
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 1:09 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

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

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Sweeney from the meeting.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Loh provided public comment regarding funding for various County programs.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2022 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2022-0332: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$100,000, to University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center for the pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Kathleen Hackett, Pediatric SANE Program Coordinator for University Hospitals -Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0332. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2022-0332 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2022-0347: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for short-term emergency childcare for children in the County's custody for the period 9/1/2022 – 8/31/2023 to extend the time period to 7/31/2024 and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$12,750,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendments and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - a) Contract No. 2714 with Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth Services of Ohio, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$638,888.90.
  - b) Contract No. 2716 with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,833,333.33.
  - c) Contract No. 2717 with Providence House, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$638,888.88.
  - d) Contract No. 2718 with Ohio Mentor in the amount not-to-exceed \$638,888.89.

**Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0347.**

**Ms. Conwell introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2022-0347.**

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by majority vote to accept the proposed substitute, with Mr. Miller recusing from the vote.**

**Mr. Merriman, Mr. Marcos Cortes, Interim Administrator for the Division of Contracts Administration and Performance; Ms. Jacqueline Fletcher, Interim Director; and Mr. David Gray, Interim Deputy Director for the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0347. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Mr. Chip Bonsutto, Executive Director of Ohio Mentor, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0347. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Ms. Kate Malone, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor; and Ms. Nora Conway, Family Services Manager for Providence House, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0347. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Malone and Ms. Conway pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**Ms. Nisha Gilmore, Lead Case Coordinator, Cleveland Division; and Ms. Faith Morehouse, Assistant Executive Director for Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth Services of Ohio, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0347. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Gilmore and Ms. Morehouse pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**Mr. Eric Morse, President and Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Carole Beaty, Chief of Family and Work Program; and Mr. Martin Williams, Chief of Programs, Behavior Health Care for The Centers for Families and Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0347. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Morse and Williams and Ms. Beaty pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2022-0347 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted, with Mr. Miller recusing from the vote.**

**Ms. Conwell stated that any items subsidized with America Rescue Plan Act funds require a full three readings from County Council and must follow the legislative process, with no exceptions.**

**6. PRESENTATION**

**a) Collaborative to End Human Trafficking**

**Ms. Kirsti Mouncey, President and Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Rachel Socorro, Survivor Advisory Council member and Program Coordinator for the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, provided an overview of the organization's mission and their collaborative efforts to end human trafficking. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Mouncey and Ms. Socorro pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m., without objection.**