



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023**

**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 1:02 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

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

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Loh addressed the Committee regarding challenges to persons experiencing homelessness.**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 29, 2022 AND NOVEMBER 30, 2022 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2022 and November 30, 2022 meetings.**

**[Clerk's Note: Item No. 5.g.) was taken out of order and considered before Item Nos. 5.a) through 5.f)]**

**5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2023-0007: A Resolution making an award on RQ8737 to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry in the amount not-to-exceed \$735,278.00 for alternative housing and related support services for COVID Recovery for the period 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2729 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development for the Department of Development and Mr. Michael Sering, Vice President, Housing & Shelter for Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0007. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson and Mr. Sering pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0007 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- b) R2023-0013: A Resolution authorizing a contract with United Way of Greater Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,220,450.00 for fiscal agent services and emergency food purchase assistance by hunger centers serving eligible Cuyahoga County residents for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 3001 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services; Mr. Ken Surratt, Vice President of Community Investment and Ms. Shelby McGhee, Associate Director of Health for the United Way of Greater Cleveland; Ms. Jessica Morgan, Chief Programs Officer for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank; and Ms. Julie Johnson, Chief Executive Officer for the Hunger Network, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0013. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cortes, Mr. Surratt, Ms. McGhee, Ms. Morgan and Ms. Johnson pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0013 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- c) R2023-0014: A Resolution authorizing to adopt the Child Abuse and Neglect Memorandum of Understanding with Cuyahoga County Law Enforcement Agencies and Entities; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Jennifer Croessmann, Special Projects Coordinator for the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0014. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0014 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- d) R2023-0015: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 585 with The Salvation Army for supportive services for homeless men in the Pickup Assessment Sheltering Service (PASS) Transitional Housing Program for the period 1/1/2021 – 9/30/2022 to extend the time period to 9/30/2023 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$794,821.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Melissa Sirak, Social Program Administrator for the Office of Homeless Services and Mr. Beau Hill, Executive Director for The Salvation Army, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0015. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Sirak and Mr. Hill pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2023-0015 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

e) R2023-0016: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for permanent supportive housing services to chronically homeless single adults and high-barrier homeless persons for the period 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022 to extend the time period to 6/30/2023 and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 1602 with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$917,663.00.
- 2) Contract No. 1604 with Famicos Foundation in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,097.00.
- 3) Contract No. 1605 with Front Steps Housing & Services, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$334,538.00.
- 4) Contract No. 1617 with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba FrontLine Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$160,005.00.
- 5) Contract No. 1606 with Humility of Mary Housing, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$110,796.00.
- 6) Contract No. 1613 with YWCA of Greater Cleveland – Cogswell Hall in the amount not-to-exceed \$185,325.00.
- 7) Contract No. 1614 with YWCA of Greater Cleveland – Independence Place in the amount not-to-exceed \$141,576.00.

**Ms. Sirak, Mr. Cortes, Mr. Fred Berry, President/Chief Executive Officer for Humility of Mary Housing, Inc.; and Ms. Emma Petrie Barcelona, Chief Executive Officer for Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0016. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Sirak, Mr. Cortes, Mr. Berry and Ms. Petrie Barcelona pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0016 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

f) R2023-0017: A Resolution authorizing a master contract with various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$994,088.00 for Rapid Re-housing services for Homeless Families and Shelters in connection with the FY2021 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Program for the period 6/1/2022 – 5/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute the master contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 2806 with Family Promise of Greater Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$155,643.00;
- 2) Contract No. 2903 with Journey Center for Safety and Healing in the amount not-to-exceed \$303,130.00;
- 3) Contract No. 2811 with The Salvation Army in the amount not-to-exceed \$374,731.00;
- 4) Contract No. 2812 with West Side Catholic Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$160,584.00.

**Ms. Sirak and Mr. Hill addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0017. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Sirak and Mr. Hill pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0017 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

g) R2023-0018: 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 – 7/31/2024, to change the scope of services and terms, effective upon signature of all parties; no additional funds required; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 2714 with Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth Services of Ohio, Inc. - no change.
- 2) Contract No. 2716 with The Centers for Families and Children to change the scope of services and terms; no additional funds required.

3) Contract No. 2717 with Providence House, Inc. - no change.

4) Contract No. 2718 with Ohio Mentor. - no change.

**Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. Jacqueline Fletcher, Interim Director for Division of Children and Family Services; and Mr. Eric Morse, President and Chief Executive Officer for The Centers for Families and Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0018. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0018 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

**Mr. Miller recused from voting.**

#### **6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m., without objection.**