



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 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 1:15 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 22, 2023 MEETING

**A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2023 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0048: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for community-based services to support at-risk children and families for the period 4/1/2021 – 12/31/2022 to extend the time period to 12/31/2023 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,912,734.60; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 1098 with Catholic Charities Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$688,959.77.
- 2) Agreement No. 1099 with City of Lakewood in the amount not-to-exceed \$585,866.61.
- 3) Agreement No. 1100 with Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority in the amount not-to-exceed \$247,925.20.
- 4) Contract No. 1101 with The East End Neighborhood House in the amount not-to-exceed \$247,925.20.
- 5) Contract No. 1102 with Harvard Community Services Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$296,202.54.
- 6) Contract No. 1103 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the amount not-to-exceed \$792,052.92.
- 7) Contract No. 1104 with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$441,034.57.
- 8) Contract No. 1105 with University Settlement, Incorporated in the amount not-to-exceed \$882,069.14.
- 9) Contract No. 1106 with West Side Community House in the amount not-to-exceed \$730,698.65.

**Mr. David Merriman, Director and Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services; Mr. Joe Jackson, Senior Manager for the Division of Children and Family Services; and Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget and Management, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0048. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman, Mr. Cortes, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Parfejewiec pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0048 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) R2023-0049: A Resolution making an award on RQ9776 to The MetroHealth System in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,551,000.00 for comprehensive medical services for families involved with the Division of Children and Family Services for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 2833 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Cortes, Ms. Jacqueline Fletcher, Interim Director for the Division of Children and Family Services; and Dr. Lauren Gopal, Medical Director of the Foster Care Program for The MetroHealth System, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0049. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0049 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.**

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m., without objection.**