



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Jones asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Culek to call the roll. Committee members Jones, Conwell, Schron and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Brown entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Brady and Simon were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

The following individuals addressed the Committee regarding the Norma Herr Women's Center:

- a) Ms. Ramona Turnbull**
- b) Ms. Linda Reynolds**
- c) Ms. Iris Wylie**
- d) Ms. Danielle Smith**
- e) Ms. Alyssa Weimer**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 20, 2016 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2016 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

No matters were referred to Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Issues regarding homeless services

Mr. Brian Davis, Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless, addressed the Committee regarding the Norma Herr Women’s Center including issues pertaining to the shelter’s staff, policies, conditions and operations. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Davis pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Ms. Ruth Gillett, Manager of the Office of Homeless Services, addressed the Committee regarding concerns relating to the staffing, policies, conditions and operations of the Norma Herr Women’s Center and the role and response of the Office of Homeless Services in addressing these concerns. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Gillett pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Mr. Eric Morse, Chief Operating Officer for FrontLine Services, and Ms. LaTonya, Murray, Director of Emergency Housing Services for FrontLine Services, addressed the Committee regarding the Norma Herr Women’s Center including concerns related to available services, staffing, policies, conditions and operations.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Morse and Ms. Murray pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Committee regarding the Norma Herr Women’s Center:

- a) Ms. Irene Collins
- b) Ms. Cynthia Ball

c) Ms. Loh

Mr. William Tarter, Jr. addressed the Committee regarding the Cleveland Foundation's grant to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and invited the Committee members to attend the Elephant in the Room: The RNC's Impact on Cleveland's Social Service Sector meeting on May 4, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at Cleveland State University and the Council on Older Persons meeting on May 11, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at Fairhill Partners.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m., without objection.