



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 5, 2012**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2012-0008: A Resolution proclaiming the month of March 2012 as Save Our Homes Month in Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
 - a) Presentation regarding the County Health Alliance – Jennifer Scofield, Deputy Fiscal Officer/CountyStat Coordinator
- 7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brady at 1:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. Committee members Brady, Conwell, Gallagher, Jones and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 8, 2011

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2011 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2011-0341: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$605,412.00 for the Shelter Plus Care Sponsor-based Rental Assistance Program in connection with the FY2010 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Programs and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for the period 8/1/2011 - 7/31/2012; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Ruth Gillett, Manager for the Office of Homeless Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2011-0341. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2011-0341 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda under second reading suspension of rules.

- b) R2011-0342: A Resolution authorizing a contract with MHS, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$600,000.00 for the North Point Transitional Housing for Men Program for the period 10/1/2011 - 3/31/2012; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Gillett addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2011-0342. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2011-0342 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda under second reading suspension of rules.

- c) R2011-0343: A Resolution authorizing a contract with The Salvation Army in the amount not-to-exceed \$527,499.00 for the PASS Transitional Housing Project for the Supportive Housing Program in connection with the FY2010 Continuum of Care for Homeless Assistance Grant Programs and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for the period 11/1/2011 - 10/31/2012; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Gillett addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2011-0343. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2011-0343 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda under second reading suspension of rules.

Mr. Jones requested that his name be added to Resolution No. R2011-0343 as an additional sponsor.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a) Presentation from Enterprise Community Partners - The Housing First Initiative, Jenny Eppich, Program Coordinator

Ms. Jenny Eppich, Program Coordinator for The Housing First Initiative at Enterprise Community Partners; Mr. Mark McDermott, Vice President and Ohio Market Leader at Enterprise Community Partners and Mr. Eric Morse, Chief Operating Officer at Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding the services provided by Enterprise Community Partners and The Housing First Initiative. Discussion ensued.

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

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Simon, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2012-0008

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald on behalf of Common Pleas Court	A Resolution proclaiming the month of March 2012 as Save Our Homes Month in Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the County Executive on behalf of Common Pleas Court requests County Council to proclaim March 2012 as Save Our Homes Month in Cuyahoga County to educate Cuyahoga County residents about the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Foreclosure Mediation Program and the free resources that are available to help them through the foreclosure process; and,

WHEREAS, foreclosures affect every neighborhood and community in Cuyahoga County. Homeowners should reach out for assistance before, during, and after the foreclosure process, and they should not leave their homes if a foreclosure action is filed; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio and the Ohio Supreme Court have called for all counties with foreclosure dockets to initiate Foreclosure Mediation; and,

WHEREAS, the Foreclosure Mediation is a free service offered by the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. The program stops a foreclosure action from going forward, and is an opportunity for the homeowner and the lender to sit down face-to-face to find a solution to the foreclosure; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of the Foreclosure Mediation Program is to minimize case processing time, save costs and expenses to the parties working out new mortgage terms or other agreements mutually acceptable to the parties, and to prevent adverse social consequences of vacated and abandoned houses in the community; and,

WHEREAS, through collaboration with Cuyahoga County's many communities and interested partners in the fight against foreclosure and blight in our neighborhoods, residents become empowered to reach financial stability; and,

WHEREAS, even homeowners who do not want to keep their homes can benefit from mediation and communication with the lender by discussing graceful exit strategies; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to ensure timely recognition of this celebration, and to continue the usual, daily operation of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Cuyahoga County Council and Cuyahoga County Executive hereby proclaim March 2012 as Save Our Homes Month in Cuyahoga County to educate Cuyahoga County residents about the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Foreclosure Mediation Program and the free resources that are available to help them through the foreclosure process.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to ensure timely recognition of this celebration, and to continue the usual and daily operation of the County. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of County Council, this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon the signature of the County Executive; otherwise it shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after the earliest time permitted by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

_____	_____
County Council President	Date
_____	_____
County Executive	Date
_____	_____
Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 10, 2012
Committee(s) Assigned: Health, Human Services & Aging

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