

Cuyahoga County Council
Health Human Services & Aging Committee
March 17, 2011 – Council Chambers
Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Members Present: Dan Brady, Chair; Yvonne Conwell, Vice Chair; Pernel Jones; Sunny Simon (arrived at 1:20)

1. **Public comment** – none
2. **Approval of Minutes** –Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of February 17 and March 3 were approved as written. (Noting that she was not present at the February 17 meeting, Ms. Simon did not vote on that motion.)
3. **Presentations**
 - a. **Invest in Children (IIC) Director** – Rebekah Dorman – Ms. Dorman noted the history of IIC; public private partnership; 29 different private funders: IIC is an ongoing partnership with broad community support; IIC contracts with 7 lead agencies; lead agencies subcontract with others; IIC goals
 - i. Effective Parents and Families
 - ii. Safe and Healthy Choices
 - iii. Children Prepared for School
 - iv. Community Committee to Children

Ms. Dorman responded to several questions: IIC is family-based while MyCom is a neighborhood and school approach; complimentary but not same approach. Cuyahoga County was not awarded the major federal Promise Neighborhood grant; but we were awarded some technical assistance; the Sisters of Charity Foundation is helping; focused on Central Neighborhood – from birth to adulthood

We compare favorably with other large municipalities in terms of school readiness, according to the Urban Institute; they were impressed with the comprehensiveness of the system and the data; have been asked at national presentations, “how did you get this done?” Philanthropic community is very supportive

Major challenges: (1) funding – lost state monies for home visits; we saved with local dollars for high-risk moms; (2) how do we engage families and keep them engaged; with a transient population; need long-term view. Ms. Dorman also noted that Help Me Grow, one of IIC’s lead agencies, will be hosting a legislator’s forum on April 8th.

- b. **Office of Re-entry** – Luis Vasquez – Director – Mr. Vasquez provided background information about the Office of reentry and the Neighborhood Reentry Services center. More than 24% of the state’s released prisoners return to Cuyahoga County; more to Cleveland than any other city; more to 5 of the 36 neighborhoods in Cleveland; more than 14,000 spend at least one night in County jail per

year. Mr. Vasquez addressed several questions, including jobs creation and entrepreneurship. Mr. Brady expressed interest in going to the neighborhood resource center along with other interested council members.

4. Matters referred to Committee

- a. **R2011-0083: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive or his designee to enter into a contract with Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County in the amount not-to-exceed \$926,071.00 for administrative and fiscal agent services to expend funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for qualitative Help Me Grow Part C early intervention services to eligible families for the period 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011.**

A motion to amend R2011-0083 was offered, seconded and approved, removing “administrative and” from the resolution. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was unanimously approved as amended for adoption by Council upon second reading.

- b. **R2011-0105: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to prepare and enter into an amendment to Contract No. CE0800734-02 with Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County for the Help Me Grow component of the Invest in Children Program for the period 7/1/2008 - 6/30/2011 for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$316,416.00.**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was unanimously approved for adoption by Council upon second reading.

- c. **R2011-0084: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive or his designee to enter into a contract with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of Cuyahoga County in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,264,000.00 for legal services for the period 1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011.**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was unanimously approved for adoption by Council upon second reading.

- d. **R2011-0103: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to prepare and enter into an amendment to Contract No. CE1000249-01 with Oriana House, Inc. for operation of a Neighborhood Reentry Resource Center for the period 2/1/2010 - 1/31/2011 to exercise an option to extend the time period to 1/31/2012, to change the scope of services and the terms, effective 2/1/2011, and for additional funds in the amount of \$287,000.00.**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was unanimously approved for adoption by Council upon second reading.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.