



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Brown, Jones and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Stephens was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 8, 2020 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2020 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2020-0021: A Resolution authorizing a revenue generating agreement with Case Western Reserve University, as Fiscal Agent for First Year Cleveland, in the amount not-to-exceed \$774,940.00 for expansion of the MomsFirst Program in connection with the Invest in Children Program for the period

1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Director of Invest in Children; and Ms. Lisa Matthews, Project Director of Moms First, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0021. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Dorman and Ms. Matthews pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0021 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) R2020-0022: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with City of Cleveland/Department of Public Health in the amount not-to-exceed \$682,276.00 for administration, coordination, prenatal and inter-conceptual care services to high risk families in connection with expansion of the MomsFirst Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Dorman addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0022. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Dorman pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2020-0022 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) R2020-0023: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00 for fiscal agent and administrative services for the Bright Beginnings and Parents as Teachers Programs in connection with the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Dorman and Ms. Shawna Rohrman, Evaluation Manager, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0023. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Dorman and Ms. Rohrman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Brady, Resolution No. R2020-0023 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) R2020-0024: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1800489-01 with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County, Inc. dba Starting Point for management, administration and implementation of various support services for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program for the period 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2019 to extend the time period to 7/31/2020 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,229,745.00; 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.

Dr. Dorman addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0024. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Dorman pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0024 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) R2020-0025: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County, Inc. dba Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,587,702.00 for administration and coordination of the Teacher Education and Compensation Help Program, Early Care and Education Professional Development System and Early Care and Education Center Capacity Expansion System in connection with the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021; 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.

Dr. Dorman and Ms. Billie Osborne-Fears, Executive Director of Starting Point, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0025. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Dorman and Ms. Osborne-Fears pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0025 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) R2020-0026: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Family Connections of Northeast Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$992,230.00 for program administration services for the Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids Program in connection with the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021; 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.

Dr. Dorman; Ms. Joanne Federman, Executive Director of Family Connections; and Ms. Keisha Toliver, Parent Partner for Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK), addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0026. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Dorman, Ms. Federman and Ms. Tolliver pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0026 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

Dr. Dorman gave an update on Cuyahoga County's participation in the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Discussion ensued.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m., without objection.