

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
September 11, 2017
Council Conference Room

Present: Councilmembers Marx, Litten & Anderson

Also: Councilmember O'Malley, Human Services Director Gelsomino, Planning Director Sylvester, Gina Gavlak of North Coast Health, Paul Bossman of Harlow Properties

Call to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Resolution 8946-17 - Authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for and enter into an agreement with the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for title III of the Older Americans Act, Senior Community Services for the 2018-2019 program years

Director Gelsomino explained that Lakewood has held contracts with the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for various services since the 1970s. The Agency's grant program is funded by the Older Americans Act. Congress has not increased funds for the Older Americans Act since the 1970s. She explained that last year this grant supported the cost of 40,000 home delivered and congregate meals, offset the cost of one-way transportation, and offset costs of supportive services.

She stressed that the meals are the most critical service provided by the grant. Without these meals, the most vulnerable seniors would go hungry. Meals are free but there is a suggested \$1 donation. The taste of the meals continues to be cause for complaint.

Director Gelsomino discussed the timeline of the application. She asked for Council's approval on Monday September 18th.

A motion was made to recommend adoption of Resolution 8946-17. Motion was seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Communication from Councilmember marx regarding introduction to Ms. Gina Gavlak of North Coast Health

Ms. Gavlak discussed the history of North Coast Health and its mission. In 2010 NCH transition from providing episodic care to primary care, prevention and wellness. They also transitioned from a free clinic to a charitable clinic, allowing them to treat everyone on a sliding fee scale ranging from \$10 to \$40. No one is denied service due to inability to pay. She described the team of medical professionals on staff including the 2016 hire of a behavior health counselor.

Ms. Gavlak described NCH's new community outreach efforts to seniors and business owners.

She remarked that NCH is working on updating its strategic plan and re-evaluating many aspects of its operations including whether or not to remain independent.

She discussed the other service providers in the region including the five Federally Qualified Health Centers in Cleveland and how they collaborate. The closest FQHC is on W. 117th. NCH decided to adopt a charitable clinic model because FQHCs cannot discount services to clients who earn 200% above the Federal Poverty Level.

Councilmember Marx thanked Ms. Gavlak for coming before the Committee and encouraged councilmembers to help think of ways to spread the word about NCH's services.

Ordinance 31-17 – Repealing Chapter 1793, Tattooing, amending Schedule 1129.02, permitted Uses in Commercial Districts, and creating new Section 1161.03, Supplemental regulations for Specific Uses (Body Art Establishments) in order to permit tattoo

Councilmember O'Malley introduced the ordinance, remarking that it repeals the existing chapter on tattoos and replaces it with a set of regulation on body art. He highlighted the new subsection 1161.03 which aims to create regulations on body art above and beyond those in the Ohio Administrative Code.

The Committee discussed each new regulation and put forth questions as to who in the City will enforce them, how they will be enforced, and how certain terms should be further defined.

Director Sylvester expressed confidence that the City would be overseeing items #4-6.

The Committee agreed that the County Board of Health should be engaged in the conversation to see what portions of the regulations, of any, they can enforce.

Councilmember Marx raised a question about the use of the term "micro-blading" in item #2.

Director Sylvester discussed the permitting and zoning components of the ordinance. He advised that the Planning Commission will study the ordinance in October and will have feedback to provide later that month.

He explained that the ordinance proposes to allow body art establishments on a conditional use basis in C-1 through C-3 districts. He explained that this means that Planning Commission will review every application and neighbors will be notified. Planning Commission will evaluate the applications against the pertinent sections of Code, including the new Section 1161.03. Upon approval the applicant would then be required to go through the building permit and certificate of occupancy process. A conditional use can be revoked at any time if it is found that a business is not complying with the ordinances.

Councilmember Anderson voiced questions about enforcement and also asked for additional details on waste disposal.

It was clarified that the ordinance does not have a set limit on the number of body art establishments but prevents them from being more than 1,000 feet one another so as to avoid creating a body art district.

Lakewood resident Paul Bossman expressed concern that allowing body art establishments will jeopardize the success and revenues of other businesses in the commercial corridor. He argued that property owners might prohibit a body art establishment and stated that Lakewood residents would not have to drive far to visit a body art establishment.

Councilmember O'Malley cited a study which indicated that the majority of people under age 40 have a tattoo. He remarked that while the City should regulate businesses that it is overreach to entirely exclude a type of business from the City.

Human Services Committee adjourned at 7:04 p.m.