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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - September 1, 1976

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Vice Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Commissioner G. Patrick Iley; Judge Jack A. Page; and Chaplain Moses Stith. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Dr. Coleman asked Chaplain Stith to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Glackin introduced Mr. Robert D. Hall, Jr., a representative from the firm of Alley & Alley. Mr. Hall brought the Board up to date on the status of proceedings between the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission.

MOTION

Approval to
Withhold
Funding of
3 Positions

Mrs. Mullins moved, and Commissioner Iley seconded a motion which carried to withhold implementation of any new positions included in the 1976-77 budget regarding the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services (DHRS) until such time as deliberations to determine who is the employer of Juvenile Welfare Board funded positions in the DHRS and the unit appropriateness of the positions have been completed. This motion included instructions for the Executive Director to give direction to counsel that any circuit court action in this matter should be secondary to the Public Employees Relations Commission proceedings.

Judge Page left the meeting.

MOTION

Approval of
Items Without
Exception

Commissioner Iley moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve the items without exception as follow:

- A. Minutes of June 3, 1976, which include the 1976-77 budget.
- B. Telephone and memorandum polls as follow: June 7, 1976 (approval of the addition of the Juvenile Detention Center Diagnostic and Behavioral Unit in the amount of \$36,595 to the 1976-77 budget which had been approved at the June 3, 1976 meeting and inadvertently left out of the final draft budget); July 15, 1976 (approval of a 5% exceptional merit increment for Mr. Gerald Greenman, effective August 1, 1976); and August 3, 1976 (approval to start the Latchkey Consultant (in Community Services) on September 1, 1976 at the same fee as approved in the 1976-77 budget, with the additional month's fee to come from Community Services' lapse funds.
- C. Authorization for Tax Collector to make refunds for the Juvenile Welfare Board.
- D. Removal of inventory items (#654 through #659 and #661 through #664).

MOTION

Transfer of
Latchkey
Funds

Mrs. Holland moved, and Chaplain Stith seconded a motion which carried to transfer funds previously allocated to the Childs Park United Methodist Church - Latchkey Program (\$7,441) to the Latchkey Services for School Age Children in Pinellas, Inc., effective October 1, 1976.

MOTION Mrs. Mullins moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the PACER agreement and the Modification of the September 29, 1975 PACER contract, both with the Office of the State Attorney, Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Approval of Sign Agreements with State Attorney

MOTION Mrs. Eckert moved, and Chaplain Stith seconded a motion which carried to approve a 6.01% increase for Douglas W. Huenergardt from \$12,640 to \$13,400, effective June 15, 1976, due to administrative delays. Commissioner Iley and Mrs. Holland voted against this motion.

Approval of Increment for Employee

MOTION Commissioner Iley moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to upgrade the Permanent Commitment Specialist from Social Worker to Caseworker, which change would call for a 10% pay increment (Ms. Jean Goebel from \$961.68 to \$1,057.85 monthly), effective October 1, 1976.

Approval to Upgrade Permanent Commitment Specialist

MOTION Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve changing the direct payment of salaries to a reimbursement process for those staff remaining on direct payment at Family Counseling Center. Included in this motion was the stipulation that from October 1, 1976 through September 30, 1977 for that portion of Family Counseling Center retirement plan incumbent upon the employee, the Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB) would pay 2% of the first \$550 of salary per month, the employee 1%; all over \$550 per month JWB would pay 4%, the employee 2%. For the period October 1, 1977 through September 30, 1978, the above percentages relating to JWB and the employee would be reversed - JWB would pay 1% of the first \$550, the employee 2%; all over \$550 per month JWB would pay 2%, the employee 4%. Effective October 1, 1978, the employees would be wholly responsible for payment of their portion of retirement funds applicable to Family Counseling Center's plan. Voluntary acceptance of this arrangement by all the involved staff would be necessary before implementation.

Approval of Reimbursement Process

The Board decided to defer being updated on new personnel and personnel changes because of lack of time.

MOTION Commissioner Iley moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to transfer \$10,252.54 from Contingency to Juvenile Welfare Board Administration Professional fees to cover attorneys' fees through June 30, 1976.

Approval to Transfer Funds from Contingency

Mr. Markman discussed the plan to move to the new office building on September 15, 1976 and informed the Board that there had been additional change orders (\$3,014.91), bringing the total to \$13,497.80 (or approximately 2.18% of contract price).

Mr. Markman discussed the leasing and maintenance of plants for the new office building, but no agreement was reached by the Board, and Mr. Markman was asked to pursue other suggestions contributed by Board members.

Judge Page returned to the meeting.

MOTION Commissioner Iley moved, and Chaplain Stith seconded a motion which carried to have Mr. Markman look into the possibility of having area service clubs take on a project of furnishing and continuing maintenance for plants in the new office building

Authorization to Approach Service Clubs for Help with Plants

MOTION Commissioner Iley moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to sod all the ground around the new office building which is not the obligation of the architect (approximately 18,000 square feet at \$1,440, plus necessary ground preparation).

Approval of Sodding Entire Grounds

MOTION Mrs. Mullins moved, and Chaplain Stith seconded a motion which carried to correct the percentage allocated to the Pinellas Juvenile Detention Center Diagnostic Unit 1976-77 budget to 47.22%.

Approval to Correct Percentage in PJDCD Unit Budget

The financial statement and the program budgetary reports were noted.

MOTION Mrs. Mullins moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve an exceptional merit increment for Ms. Betty Royer (PACER) from Grade 40 step 2 (\$12,667.20) to Grade 40 step 4 (\$13,956.80), effective August 1, 1976.

Approval of Merit Increment

Dr. Edwards gave each Board member a small paperweight designed with the Juvenile Welfare Board logo and discussed the distribution plan, which was favorably received by the Board.

MOTION Commissioner Iley moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to continue the current slate of officers for the fiscal year 1976-77: Dr. Coleman, Chairman; Mrs. Mullins, Vice Chairman; and Mrs. Eckert, Secretary.

Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 1976-77

Commissioner Iley left the meeting.

The Personnel Committee will bring the appointments of Juvenile Welfare Board members to other agencies back to the October meeting.

The 1976-77 schedule of meetings was noted by the Board and will be discussed at the next work session.

Dr. Coleman will schedule a meeting of the Personnel Committee to complete an annual evaluation of the Executive Director, which was due September 1, 1976.

Because of lack of time, the update on the Youth Diversion grant and the review of the annual agreements were postponed until the next meeting.

The reports of children in care and the activity reports were noted.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board members that his response to the "Social Commentary" in *Florida's West Coast* magazine would be available for them to read at a later meeting.

Both Dr. Coleman and Mrs. Eckert have been reappointed to the Board by the governor.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that the streets around the new office building would be upgraded by Municipal Taxing District funds, with work to start by December 1, 1976.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the new office building - 4140 - 49th Street North:

September 30, 1976 - review annual agreements.

October 7, 1976 - sign annual agreements.

Mrs. James D. Eckert

Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary