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Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting : 1982 : 07 : 01 : Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
PRESENT: Mrs. Helen W. Herman, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Vice Chairman; Dr. Calvin D. Harris, Secretary; Mrs. Mary Frances Byrkit; Judge Robert F. Michael; Judge Jack A. Page; Dr. Scott Rose; and Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd. Also present: Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Acting Executive Director; Mr. William M. Michaels, Deputy Director; Mrs. Mary Laura Broadwater, Executive Secretary; and Mr. Terry A. Smiljanich, Attorney at Law.

Mrs. Herman called the meeting to order.

MOTION Approval of Minutes Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 1982.

Mr. Smiljanich updated the Board on the Edwards litigation and on recent developments with mental health services.

Both Judge Michael and Dr. Rose arrived during the above mental health services update.

MOTION Examination of Legal Issue Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to direct Juvenile Welfare Board staff and the District Mental Health Board to look into the legal issue involved in turning over to the County real estate retrieved from Affiliated Health Services, Inc./Foundation for Mental Health in Pinellas, Inc. and to bring back to the Board specific recommendations or alternatives.

A motion giving assurance that monies recaptured from Affiliated/Foundation would be set aside for children's mental health purposes was withdrawn.

MOTION Endorsement of NFSE Week Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to authorize endorsement of National Family Sexuality Education Week, October 5 - 11, 1982.

MOTION Latchkey Money Transfer Judge Page moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to authorize a strongly worded letter from the Juvenile Welfare Board to the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in an attempt to stop the transfer of monies from the Pinellas County Latchkey Program to programs in other counties; and, also, to have the Board attorney look into this matter to see if there is a legal basis for trying to stop this transfer. If the Board attorney feels it is appropriate, and if Mr. Meisner keeps track of the situation and feels that something has to be done fast, then the Board would have a special meeting to see if the problem could be addressed by a lawsuit.

Mrs. Herman called attention to material at each Board members' place about special meetings in July and August.

In the absence of Mrs. Barton, Celebration Committee chairman, Commissioner Todd reported on the committee meeting, which had been held at 8:30 a.m., July 1, 1982.

Mrs. Allen reported that the Policy Committee planned to meet on July 28, 1982, at 7:30 p.m., at which time the committee plans to re-address three issues: a wrap-up of Board policies, the situation with the three agencies' proposed autonomy, and Board relationship with the Youth Services System Advisory Council (YSSAC). In accordance with the decision made last
month to encourage YSSAC to have a five-minute presentation for the Board's education, Mrs. Allen called on Miss Ruth Jefferson, Chairman of the Day Care and Early Childhood Committee of YSSAC, to speak briefly.

The Board noted the personnel report for June, 1982.

MOTION
Approval of Promotion
Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to approve a promotion for Willie Jewel Edwards from License Board Day Care Assistant Worker to Day Care Service Worker (to Grade 34 - $12,288.96), effective June 1, 1982. Funds for this promotion were anticipated in the budget.

MOTION
Secretary I Salary Range
Dr. Rose moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of the Business Administrator to adjust the salary range for Secretary I positions to that used by the County and move each Secretary I into the same relative position in that pay range as she is in the current pay range, with the total cost of $1,865.79 for the remainder of this fiscal year (July 1 through September 30) to come from Contingency.

The Board reviewed the Training Unit monthly update of planned activities and the monthly investment report. The six-month financial statement will be sent out for the August 5, 1982 meeting.

MOTION
DMHB
Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to allocate to the Pinellas-Pasco District Mental Health Board V up to $7,920 from Contingency for the period beginning July 1, 1982 and ending September 30, 1982.

MOTION
AHS
Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve for Alternative Human Services' Runaway/Youth Crisis Center a transfer of up to $7,460 from rent to reimbursable operating expenses.

Dr. Harris opposed this motion.

A motion to increase the per diem rate for Boys Village of San Antonio to $13.48 failed.

MOTION
Boys Village of San Antonio
Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to increase the per diem rate for Boys Village of San Antonio by $8.55 for a total subsidy of $21.03 per child for up to 11 Pinellas County boys for the remainder of fiscal year 1981/82, a total amount of up to $8,653 from Contingency.

Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Byrkit opposed this motion.

MOTION
The Children's Home
Commissioner Todd moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to table the request from The Children's Home for $2,300 in additional funding for one bed for a non-Health and Rehabilitative Services client, at the rate of $25 per day beginning July 1, 1982 through September 30, 1982. The Board recommended that Mr. Jon R. Parsons, Executive Director of The Children's Home, relay to Eckerd Camp the procedure which Judge Page had just outlined in this meeting for setting up a dependency hearing, and report back to the Board.

MOTION
Florida Gulf Health Systems Agency
Mrs. Allen moved, and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried to provide a statement to Florida Gulf Health Systems Agency evidencing that 1.1 Juvenile Welfare Board staff serves the goals and objectives of that agency.

Mrs. Byrkit opposed this motion.
Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to fund up to $1,650 for rent for Big Brothers/Big Sisters from Contingency for the period from July 1, 1982 through September 30, 1982.

Mr. Meisner asked Mr. Barry Slaiman, Assistant Research and Evaluation Consultant, to succinctly summarize the report which he had compiled on Community Youth Services. A lengthy discussion ensued between Board members, staff members and representatives from Community Youth Services, during which time several motions were made and withdrawn.

Dr. Rose moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to give Community Youth Services (CYS) a 30-day extension in order to give the CYS board time in which to respond to the Juvenile Welfare Board account of the June 28, 1982 site visit at the next Board meeting on August 5, 1982. This motion also included instructions that if CYS chooses to use young people as part of their response, these names, together with signed releases of confidentiality, must be submitted in time to be investigated before the next meeting.

Mrs. Byrkit, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Herman opposed this motion.

Commissioner Todd left before the vote on the above motion.

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to table the request from Youth Homes of Florida for disposal of lapse funds pending receipt of additional information from the program.

Mrs. Herman declared a short recess, during which both Judge Page and Judge Michael left the meeting.

Mr. Meisner discussed the preliminary Juvenile Welfare Board budget for 1982/83, including a proposal for a feasibility analysis/study to address areas in computer systems and word processing.

Mr. Meisner discussed options available for office space for the Juvenile Welfare Board Clearwater office, since the present lease expires August 31, 1982. The Board decided to postpone action on this matter until the next meeting, when more information will be available.

The Board noted the narrative report from the Acting Executive Director.

The staff went through the preliminary recommendations for 1982-83 Juvenile Welfare Board program funding, pausing momentarily for input from Board members.

Dr. Harris and Dr. Rose left the meeting after the Latchkey, Inc. recommendation, and a quorum was no longer in effect.

The Board packets included a six-month Affirmative Action report, a quarterly Training Unit report, media items, and a letter from Baker Personnel.

The next meeting will be: August 5, 1982 - Regular Meeting.

Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary