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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - January 11, 1979

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Joseph R. Ponds, Jr., Vice Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Mrs. H.W. Holland; Judge Robert F. Michael; Judge Jack A. Page and Dr. Gus Sakkis. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Sec'y; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Planning and Funding unit; Mr. William M. Michaels and Ms. Sharron Dillard, Research and Evaluation unit; Mrs. Betty Royer, Training unit; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Mr. Ponds presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame, Marriage and Family Counseling Coordinator, appeared before the Board at her request to express her thanks for the thirty-two years that she has worked as an employee of the Juvenile Welfare Board and to inform the members that she has decided to retire at the end of September, 1979.

Dr. Coleman and Judge Michael arrived during the above announcement.

Mr. Ponds relinquished the chair to Dr. Coleman.

MOTION Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to au-
 Authorization authorize the nomination of Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame as National Social
 to Nominate Worker of the Year.
 Social Worker
 of the Year

MOTION Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to
 Approval to change the date of the regular Juvenile Welfare Board meeting to the
 Change first Thursday of the month, beginning March 1, 1979, in order to ac-
 Meeting Day commodate the time schedule of the vice chairman of the Board of County
 Commissioners, John Chesnut, Jr., a new Board member as of January,
 1979.

Dr. Edwards introduced Mr. Tom C. Fix, Executive Director, and Dr. J. Duane Pierson, Medical Director, of the Comprehensive Mental Health Services of Pinellas, Inc., who reviewed the services provided by their agency, its changes through the years and its plans for future expansion.

Dr. Sakkis arrived during the above presentation.

Dr. Coleman informed the Board that Mr. Glackin's father had died suddenly a short time ago and that he knew he expressed the feelings of the Board members when he had called Mr. Glackin to express consolation.

Mr. Glackin said that he had drafted the local bill raising the millage rate to be received by the Juvenile Welfare Board as instructed by the Board on December 14, 1978. He and Dr. Edwards informed the Board that the bill had been sent to Representative Betty Easley, who had responded that she hoped to have an opinion from the Attorney General by January 15, 1979 as to the necessity of submitting this increase to a local referendum in Pinellas County. When a public hearing is held on the bill, it is crucial that Board members attend; and it is critical that community support be evidenced, also.

MOTION
Approval of
Minutes

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of December 14, 1978 as mailed.

Dr. Edwards called attention to the previously approved minutes of November 9, 1978 as an informational item.

Mr. Meisner informed the Board that he had met with the new Executive Director and the former Fiscal Administrator of Community Youth Services in an effort to secure additional information relating to use of lapse funds.

MOTION
Approval to
Follow Staff's
Recommendation
re CYS

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to follow staff recommendation that the Board's action of December 14, 1978 remain to transfer the fiscal administrator residual funds (\$10,275) to the new position of Executive Director effective December 16, 1978, but that the lapse funds for the two program worker positions (\$1,834) not be transferred.

MOTION
Approval to
Grant Request
of FCC

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of Dr. Edwards for the Juvenile Welfare Board to enter into an agreement with Family Counseling Center for reciprocal use of each agency's computer in case of emergency.

MOTION
Approval to
Use Educa-
tional Fund

Mrs. Herman moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve use of the Educational Fund to pay \$42 for a course now satisfactorily completed by Mrs. Chris Grondin.

Mr. Markman presented the quarterly financial statement and the budgetary program reports to the Board.

Mr. Markman advised that the Central Plaza Bank, in response to an offer from another bank, has agreed to pay interest on Juvenile Welfare Board funds based on treasury bill interest. Currently, this would represent about a two percent increase in interest income. The Board will continue the Central Plaza Bank as its depository for funds, but only with the condition that the bank becomes more responsive to the service it provides to the Board. Since the Board is committed to obtaining as high interest rates as possible, Mr. Markman has put out bids for \$1,700,000 in certificates of deposit to County banks for varying lengths of time.

MOTION
Approval of
Cost-of-Living
Salary Ad-
justment

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve a 4% cost-of-living increment to staff operating under the Juvenile Welfare Board personnel policies, effective February 1, 1979.

Mr. Meisner reviewed the summary of the agencies' intent to request 1979-80 Juvenile Welfare Board funding. He mentioned that he considered four of the requests for new programs to be inappropriate for Board funding for various reasons.

MOTION
Approval of
Staff Recom-
mendation re
Four New
Programs

Judge Page moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to approve the staff recommendation to consider four programs (Youth for Christ Guidance Center, Halfway Home, Salvation Army and Religious Community Services, Inc.) inappropriate to fund and to notify each that, because of a shortage of funds, many fine programs had very little chance of receiving financial support from the Juvenile Welfare Board;

and that since the chances of success are slight, they might choose not to submit a time-consuming funding application. Each agency is to be informed of the reason its program is considered inappropriate for funding.

Mr. Michaels reviewed with the Board the final part of a four part study of Use of Discretionary Judgment by Law Enforcement Agencies in Pinellas County, which was conducted by the Research and Evaluation unit of the Juvenile Welfare Board in cooperation with the Clearwater Junior League and the St. Petersburg League of Women Voters.

Dr. Coleman left after asking Mr. Ponds to chair the remainder of the meeting.

The Board noted Dr. Edwards' letter to Representative Betty Easley, Chairman of the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation, asking the Delegation to consider an attached draft of an act to increase the Juvenile Welfare Board millage from .5 mill to .7 mill without referendum.

Mr. Ponds declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board are as follow:

February 8, 1979 - Annual Report; *State of the Child Plan* revisions.
 March 1, 1979 - Review of 1979-80 program funding applications.

Workshops: 3/13-14/79 - Adolescence, Joy Johnson, Happy Dolphin Inn.
 4/26-27/79 - Sexual Abuse, Henry Giarretto, Breckenridge Hotel.
 6/7-8/79 - Crisis Intervention, Homebuilders, Caribbean Gulf Hotel.

Mrs. James D. Eckert

 Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary