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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD
Regular Meeting - September 14, 1978

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Mrs. H.W. Holland; Judge Robert F. Michael; Judge Jack A. Page; and Mr. Joseph R. Ponds, Jr.
Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Planning and Funding Consultant; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Dr. Coleman opened the meeting with prayer, and then mentioned that he had bad news and good news for the Board - the bad being that Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins' term as Board member had expired and that the Board would surely miss her active participation.

Mrs. Mullins asked if she might say a few words. She expressed her feeling that, as the base of the Juvenile Welfare Board grows broader, the Juvenile Welfare Board members sit at the top with less direct involvement in Board activities. She feels that it is wrong to give total responsibility to staff, with the Board members themselves becoming more and more alienated from the mainstream.

The good news was the presence of the new Board member, Mrs. Helen W. Herman, who was appointed by the Governor on August 24, 1978. Mrs. Herman's commission expires on August 7, 1982.

Mr. Glackin confirmed the obligation of the Juvenile Welfare Board to pay a proportionate share of the expenses generated by the Tax Collector's office beginning fiscal year 1978-79. As indicated in the telephone poll of August 3, 1978, $65,000 was allocated for this line item in the 1978-79 program budget, in addition to the $47,708 previously allocated for the Property Appraiser's fee.

Mr. Glackin informed the Board that by law two public hearings must be held because the Board was asking for an increased millage rate in the 1978-79 budget. One hearing was held on September 12, 1978, at which time no one questioned the increase in the millage, and the second hearing will be held on September 19, 1978.

MOTION
Approval of Items Without Exception

Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the items without exception as follow:

A. Minutes of June 8, 1978, including correction of June 8, 1978 agenda item #6A, reclassification of Clerk-Typist II to Secretary I salary from $724.36 to $693.42.

B. Telephone poll of July 20, 1978 authorizing the Executive Director to sign the donor agreement with HRS re: Florence Nightingale.

C. Telephone poll of August 3, 1978 regarding 1978-79 program budget to reduce Family Counseling Center Homemaker/Home Health Aide allocation from $117,242 to $44,333; change the "Tax Collection Assessment" to "Property Appraiser's Fee"; add "Tax Collector's Fee" line item and allocate $65,000; add $7,909 to Contingency for a total of $82,909.

D. Co-sponsor institute on "Stress" with Operation PAR, with Juvenile Welfare Board funds of up to $500 to come from Community Services Institute line item.
Dr. Coleman commented that it was very good to see Judge Page, Mrs. Holland, Judge Michael and Mr. Ponds - he was delighted to be back together with them all again.

Mr. Meisner presented the various agency requests to the Board with recommendations.

**MOTION Approval of AHS Recommendation**

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to reduce the 1978-79 allocation to Alternative Human Services Hotline Program from $24,870 to $21,290 to reflect the transfer of administrative staff time to that agency's Runaway Shelter Program. This action would add $3,580 to the Juvenile Welfare Board Contingency Fund for 1978-79.

**MOTION Approval of PYH-Group Homes Recommendation**

Judge Page moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to reduce the June 8, 1978 allocation for Pinellas Youth Homes Group Homes Program from $176,281 to $140,276, with the difference of $36,005 to be transferred to the Juvenile Welfare Board Contingency Fund for 1978-79. The remaining local match requirement of $101,000 in ad valorem tax funds shall be transferred from the June 8, 1978 Pinellas Youth Homes Secure Shelter Program allocation of $120,000.

**MOTION Approval of PYH-Secure Shelter Recommendation**

Judge Michael moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to reduce the 1978-79 allocation to the Juvenile Welfare Board alloca-

**MOTION Approval of Project Playpen Recommendation**

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to reduce the Juvenile Welfare Board alloca-

Mr. Meisner noted that the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services at this time does not plan to fund Home Management areas after June 30, 1979.

**MOTION Approval of FCC H/HHA Program Recommendation**

Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to transfer $19,000 from the 1978-79 Juvenile Welfare Board allocation for Family Counseling Center Homemaker to Juvenile Welfare Board Administration to be used to contract for Title XX funds in behalf of the Family Counseling Center Homemaker/Home Health Aide Program. The Executive Director is authorized to sign the Homemaker services contract with the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services and subcontract with the Family Counseling Center.

**MOTION Approval of Latchkey Recommendation**

Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to authorize the September 18, 1978 employment of a Latchkey Assistant Director at a cost of $419.62 salary including fringe from lapse funds in the Latchkey budget for 1977-78.

**MOTION Approval of Project Playpen Recommendation**

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to authorize payment of $1,157.83 from Project Playpen lapse to cover the Title XX reimbursement deficit for June 1978.
Mr. Ponds moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to accept the revised line item budget for Alternative Human Services-Runaway Program which reflects the Juvenile Welfare Board allocation of $60,000.

Judge Michael moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to authorize an additional amount of $5,075 from the 1978-79 Contingency Fund to the Juvenile Services Program to be utilized for housing costs ($4,000) and telephone service ($1,075) for Juvenile Welfare Board supported staff.

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to withhold action on the request of the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services Institutional Care Program Supervisor to increase payment to the Eckerd Wilderness Camps to the new State-authorized, but unappropriated, rate of $390 per child per month, pending determination by the State on the Department's request for a budget amendment to meet the costs of the revised foster care rates.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation not to Big Brothers/Big Sisters to transfer $2,453.19 from the Big Sisters 1977-78 budget to Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Judge Page moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to reimburse Operation PAR through May 31, 1978. No further reimbursement will take place without additional Board action.

Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve funding for San Antonio Boys Village at the rate of $6 per day for Pinellas County boys up to $19,710, effective October 1, 1978.

Mr. Andre C. Lessard, Executive Director of San Antonio Boys Village, agreed to let the Juvenile Welfare Board know if his agency does not need this amount. During the discussion on this motion, Dr. Edwards discussed several probable areas of increased funding needs for fiscal year 1979-80 (Project Playpen Home Management Program, Pinellas Youth Homes Group Home Program, Behavioral Consultation Services, Comprehensive Mental Health Services local match). Dr. Edwards stated the Board may be hard pressed to continue funding the existing level of services, let alone take on new funding responsibilities. Facilities for committed youth are an acknowledged State responsibility and should be fully funded by the State, since the alternative placement would be a State training program at increased expense to the State. Dr. Edwards noted letters of endorsement from two families who had youth at San Antonio Boys Village.

Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation to allocate from 1978-79 Juvenile Welfare Board Contingency Funds the amount of $3,522 to be submitted to LEAA as 5% match in behalf of Juvenile Services Program's "Viable Alternatives to Institutionalization" Project, effective October 1, 1978.
Mr. Ponds moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation not to approve the request of the Juvenile Services Program for $373 for the 5% local match requirement for a specialized tutorial program.

Mr. Markman asked to defer Board discussion of an employee recognition plan until the October meeting.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve use of the Educational Fund for Mrs. Chris Grondin (2 courses @ $42 and $13.50) and Juliette Moore ($42) upon satisfactory completion of the courses.

The Board deferred discussion on fee charging for the Juvenile Welfare Board Marriage and Family Counseling Services.

Mrs. Charlene Bennett, Juvenile Welfare Board Training Consultant, and Mrs. Betty Royer, Juvenile Welfare Board Training Assistant, were present to inform the Board about the Primary Prevention Show & Tell to be sponsored by the Board on October 19 and 20, 1978 at the Happy Dolphin Inn. There will be a luncheon table particularly for Board members on the 19th.

Dr. Coleman would encourage all Board members to attend the Show & Tell. He suggested that Mrs. Holland extend the welcome in his place at the opening session, since he will be out of town.

Dr. Edwards reviewed the meeting schedule for 1978-79 and suggested the need for two work sessions - one to discuss the criteria analysis and another to consider different aspects of future Juvenile Welfare Board funding, with policy direction from the Board. Dr. Edwards mentioned that, since Comprehensive Mental Health Services has escalated its program and personnel in recent years, he recommended scheduling that agency to meet with the Board at the regular January meeting. The Board asked Dr. Edwards to invite the appropriate representative of Comprehensive Mental Health Services to the January 11, 1979 Board meeting.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve Thursday, October 5, 1978, as a work session date for the Board to discuss criteria analysis of agency requests for Juvenile Welfare Board funding.

Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the 1978-79 meeting schedule as mailed and including a November 2, 1978 work session on different aspects of Juvenile Welfare Board funding.

Items to be discussed by Mr. Ted Hale, Public Affairs Officer - orientation and information provided to the Board members and a discussion of the printing cost and distribution of the Juvenile Welfare Board history - were deferred.
MOTION
Authorization for Executive Director to Sign Agreements

Judge Page moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to authorize the Executive Director to sign all agency agreements and amendments authorized by preceding Board action.

MOTION
Authorization for Special Merit Increment

Mr. Ponds moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to authorize a special merit increment for Janice B. Hills, Project Playpen Day Care Placement Worker (to Grade 32 step 4 - $10,461.36), effective July 1, 1978, to come from lapse funds in Project Playpen.

MOTION
Authorization to Reclassify Position

Mr. Ponds moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to authorize a reclassification for the position held by Sandy Lindsay from License Board Day Care Assistant Worker to Day Care Service Worker (to Grade 34 step 3 - $10,963.68), effective June 12, 1978, to come from lapse funds in the License Board.

MOTION
Authorization for Special Merit Increment

Mr. Ponds moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to authorize a special merit increment for Robert Glenn, Juvenile Welfare Board Marriage and Family Counselor (to Grade 40 step 3 - $14,479.92), effective August 1, 1978, to come from lapse funds in Marriage and Family Counseling.

The Board noted the Executive Director's activities report from the period April 1 - June 30, 1978.

Dr. Edwards announced that the Fifth Annual Legislative Workshop would be held at the Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club on December 1, 1978.

The conference room daily usage for June was 49; for July, 42; and for August, 34.


Approximately 840 copies of the State of the Child Plan have been distributed to date.

Dr. Coleman expressed delight that the Governor had seen fit to appoint Mrs. Herman and reappoint Mr. Ponds (whose commission expires on August 11, 1982) to the Board.

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

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

October 5, 1978 - special workshop on criterial analysis.
October 12, 1978 - review annual agreements & criteria analysis.
November 2, 1978 - special workshop on 1979-80 funding.
December 14, 1978 - report on Legislative Workshop.

Raymond L. Edwards, Ph.D., Acting Secretary