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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - August 5, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Helen W. Herman, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Maitaine Holland Barton; Judge Jack A. Page; 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. Mr. Meisner acted as secretary in the absence of Dr. Calvin D. Harris.

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 1, 1982.

Mr. Smiljanich stated that he had nothing to report on the Edwards litigation since the last meeting; and that if anyone had any questions on the material on equity funding for day care, he would be glad to respond. Then he updated the Board on recent developments with mental health services.

MOTION Approval to Accept Settlement

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to accept the five points for settlement concerning the Foundation for Mental Health as follow:

1. All parties to stipulate to assignment of $121,000 mortgage receivable (South Fort Harrison property) to the Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB) for use by JWB at its own discretion.

2. Transfer of $30,000 in liquid assets to JWB upon conclusion of receivership.

3. Payment by all other parties of one-half the auditing fees of Hevia, Beagles & Company up to $5,000.

4. Agreement and understanding of all parties that JWB has made substantial concessions and compromises concerning nonpayment of prior rents by providers and compromises concerning a fair share in the assets of the Foundation.

5. All other parties shall make arrangements to continue operations of the Foundation for Mental Health (under a new name) for the sole purpose of holding title to all real property assets of the Foundation.

This motion included the hope that the Board go forth with anticipation of happy cooperation of all parties, and with the understanding that a plan would be worked out over a period of time for the distribution of the payment of this settlement.

MOTION Approval of Letter of Support

Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to approve, with best wishes, the endorsement of the Suncoast Area Bid Committee's effort to bring the 1983 International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous to the Tampa Bay area.

Mrs. Barton, Chairman of the Celebration Committee, reported on progress being made on plans for observance of the 35th anniversary of the Juvenile Welfare Board on October 15, 1982.
Members of the Liaison Committee reported that the Board would interview candidates for the position of executive director on the seventh and ninth of August and that copies of standardized questions would be furnished to the Board members to be used in conjunction with any other questions they might choose to ask the candidates.

Mrs. Allen, Chairman of the Policy Committee, reported on the progress being made on autonomy for License Board, Project Playpen, and Marriage and Family Counseling.

Commissioner Todd left the room.

Mrs. Allen discussed the Policy Committee's recommendations concerning the Youth Services System Advisory Council and concerning additional Juvenile Welfare Board policies and revisions of general conditions.

Commissioner Todd returned during the discussion of policies, and a quorum was again in effect.

**MOTION**

Approval of Board Policies and Revisions of General Conditions

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the additional Board policies and revisions of general conditions as recommended by the Policy Committee with corrections as noted.

**MOTION**

Approval of Policy Committee Recommendation Re YSSAC

Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee that the Youth Services System Advisory Council (YSSAC) be considered by Juvenile Welfare Board staff in the regular funding process for the two positions requested. There shall be an informal evaluation made by a committee of the Board in six months to increase communication and review the ambitious proposed services schedule. The Juvenile Welfare Board and staff shall call upon YSSAC to assist in all programs falling within the attached schedule of services. (Attached to minutes as Addendum A.) The question of YSSAC's continued funding during FY 1983-84 shall be reviewed by the regular process at the appropriate time.

The Board noted the personnel report for July 1982, and acknowledged a new staff person in Project Playpen, Ms. Beatrice Bohan, Assistant Food Monitor.

Mrs. Allen suggested that the issue concerning the evaluation of the Acting Executive Director could be resolved in about two weeks.

**MOTION**

Approval to Hold Hearing

Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to call a Board meeting on Thursday, August 19, 1982 (7:30 p.m.) for the hearing requested by Ms. Maslin Russ and for any other matters which seem appropriate.

**MOTION**

Approval to Purchase Energy Control System

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to exercise the Juvenile Welfare Board option to purchase the energy control system equipment for $8,903 from Contingency.

**MOTION**

Approval to Continue Cleveland Avenue Property Lease

Mrs. Barton moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to continue the lease on the Cleveland Avenue property for use by the Juvenile Welfare Board Clearwater office.

Mr. Meisner called attention to the Training Unit monthly update of planned activities and to the explanation of the proposed Board-Executive Director relations training program.
YOUTH SERVICES SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

PROPOSED SERVICES TO
JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

1. Participate in Coordinated Needs Assessment

The Interagency Committee on Planning and Evaluation, which is comprised of major funders, is in the process of designing a Needs Assessment Survey which will hopefully include all the concerns of each planning body. The Youth Services System Advisory Council and its committees can provide assistance in this regard by reviewing and commenting on the survey design. Input from the professional and lay community will be assured.

Although the YSSAC represents a broad spectrum of the community, in its 1982-83 application to the Juvenile Welfare Board, one of its objectives is "to conduct two public forums to ascertain consumer satisfaction of services provided and services needed by the Pinellas County Community." This effort will further enhance and assure community involvement in the planning process. Information obtained from these forums will be shared with JWB and other planners and funders of services to children and their families.

The YSSAC and its committees have participated in the review of the State of the Child Plan since 1976. If the JWB elects to develop a more comprehensive State of the Child Plan as a result of the Needs Assessment Survey, YSSAC services will be available.

The various JWB Services Inventories have been reviewed by the appropriate YSSAC Committees. It is our understanding the inventories will be another resource utilized in future planning and developing of children's services. Through the YSSAC committees JWB staff have been informed of available and discontinued services. There is a possibility that additional responsibilities may be forthcoming in the juvenile justice planning area.

2. Technical Assistance for Legislative Issues

For the Juvenile Welfare Board's Eighth Annual Legislative Workshop, the YSSAC Committees submitted issues, developed the background data, and selected the presenter for the issue. While assistance was provided by JWB staff, we feel a lot of YSSAC time and energy was utilized.

Since no decision has been made concerning your next Legislative Workshop, we do not know whether you will desire our assistance. If you would like for us to share the responsibility of developing the workshop, we would need to discuss what role we would play - co-sponsor or consultative resource.

If a pertinent issue should develop, such as Day Care Licensing, which will be a hot issue in the 1983 session, we are willing to share our expertise. The Juvenile Justice Committee is in the process of developing a position on the Emancipation of Minors. A bill was presented in the last legislative session, but did not make it out of committee. It is scheduled to be presented to the legislature again, and the Juvenile Justice Committee plans to present a position to the Council in September. If we support this position, we will be happy to share with you information and data gathered.
3. Community Education

We believe this to be one of the strong points of the YSSAC. Although maintaining long term lay involvement has been somewhat of a problem, those who have had to leave because of job or personal obligations have all been appreciative of the information they have gained. Educating the community on the needs of Pinellas County children and their families and services available is one method of establishing supporters of "Youth Services". For example, a lay member of the Juvenile Justice Committee has arranged for representatives of the committee to speak at the Kenneth City Homeowners' Association. On her own, she obtained the support of her mayor and has assured us a large turnout in November.

Each of the YSSAC committees are responsible for doing at least five (5) educational activities during the fiscal year. These may take place at a regularly scheduled meeting time or place.

4. Supply Requested Information/Positions to JWB

The YSSAC and its committees will provide to JWB, upon request, information and/or positions concerning children and their families. Often times, JWB staff must rely on statistical data or information provided by Quarterly Progress Reports; the composition of the YSSAC committees allows the exchange of information and/or ideas by those actually involved.

Additionally, this task will also require information gathered by the Council and its committees. Again, the composition of the YSSAC and its committees allows for the development of issues with input from a large resource. The Council's policy is to hear both sides of an issue before adopting a position; this is to assure that all information has been received. The time we have been allowed by the JWB Policy Committee on your monthly agenda will allow us to bring to you issues of importance.

5. Volunteer Assistance to JWB Coordinated Speakers' Bureau

As one of its committee objectives for 1981-82, the YSSAC Juvenile Justice Committee decided to establish a Speakers' Bureau concerning juvenile justice issues, utilizing committee members. This effort was not to duplicate the JWB Speakers' Bureau, but to augment it with speakers and topics previously not available. The other YSSAC committees are willing to provide to JWB speakers and topics in their area of expertise.
The Board noted the current investment report, the six-month financial statement, and the report on transfers made during the month of July.

There was no need for action on the Children's Home request which was tabled on July 1, 1982 since the subject child was accepted as a Health and Rehabilitative Services dependent child and placed in one of the regular Juvenile Welfare Board slots.

MOTION
Youth Homes of Florida

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

MOTION
Approval to Change Name to MHSUP

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to change the names of Mental Health Services of North Pinellas and Shoreline Mental Health Center to Mental Health Services of Upper Pinellas on all agreements and amendments effective July 1, 1982.

MOTION
Approval to Fund MHSUP Program

Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to fund Mental Health Services of Upper Pinellas' Adolescent Day Treatment Program up to $1,730 from Contingency, effective August 1, 1982.

A motion to permit transfer of the two Clerical Social Worker positions into the vacant Juvenile Welfare Board positions in Mental Health Services of Upper Pinellas and to transfer up to $4,195 from Contingency to fund a third Clinical Social Worker II, effective July 1, 1982, was withdrawn.

MOTION
Approval to Fund MHSUP as Requested

Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to additionally fund 3 Mental Health Professional I (Clinical Social Worker II) positions in the amount of up to $14,551 from Contingency for the period July 1, 1982 through September 30, 1982.

MOTION
Project Playpen Request

Mrs. Barton moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to allocate an additional $2,340 from Contingency to Project Playpen for the period July 1, 1982 through September 30, 1982 for Title XX day care funds.

Mrs. Terrye Bradley, Assistant Planning and Funding Consultant, went over the revised staff recommendations on 1982-83 Juvenile Welfare Board applications for funding and suggested that any programs questioned by the Board be set aside for individual consideration.

MOTION
Girls Club of Pinellas Park

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to set aside the staff recommendation for Girls Club of Pinellas Park to be handled individually.

Mr. Meisner suggested that the Board accept the staff recommendation on the Lakeview Youth Program in view of the proposed request for proposal, which is related to that community.

Staff recommendations for Mental Health Services of Upper Pinellas and Mental Health Services of South Pinellas were withheld and set aside until the next meeting.

The Board also set aside for later consideration the staff recommendations on the following programs: Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services Primary Prevention Youth Alcohol Services, Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services Youth Alcohol Services Project, Pinellas County License Board, Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Citizens (UPARC) Early Intervention Program, UPARC Therapeutic Pre-School, Youth Homes of Florida Plantation House, Catholic Social Services Foster Care for Special Needs Children, and Boys Village of San Antonio Residential Treatment Center.
MOTION
Recommendations on Applications
Commissioner Todd moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the staff recommendations on 1982-83 Juvenile Welfare Board applications for funding with the exception of those set aside earlier in the meeting to be handled individually.

Mrs. Herman declared a short recess.

Mrs. Herman said that she believed the intent of the Board was for staff to go back and scrutinize more carefully the programs which had been set aside and come back next month when the Board will take the final vote. Mrs. Bradley asked that if Board had any specific questions on these programs, staff would appreciate being so informed.

MOTION
Youth Homes of Florida Plantation
Judge Page moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to approve the staff recommendation on 1982-83 Juvenile Welfare Board application for funding on Youth Homes of Florida Plantation House, which had been set aside to be handled individually earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Meisner commented on the preliminary 1982-83 Juvenile Welfare Board budget and asked for guidance from Board members if there were any items in the budget with which they took issue.

The Juvenile Welfare Board public hearing dates will be September 9th and 16th, 7:30 p.m., 4140 - 49th Street North, St. Petersburg.

MOTION
Community Youth Services
Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to approve the staff recommendation of July 1, 1982 regarding Community Youth Services as follows: to terminate funding of Community Youth Services on July 31, 1982 and to issue a request for proposals for a delinquency prevention program in the south St. Petersburg community for fiscal year 1982/83. Continued funding of Community Youth Services for the period of July 1, 1982 through July 31, 1982 is not to exceed $6,002 (1/12th of 1981/1982 allocation) and is contingent upon the program redirecting currently enrolled youth into other appropriate community resources.

Mrs. Herman noted the narrative report from the Acting Executive Director and the media items.

She informed the Board that Children's Day is August 8th and that as proclamations are received, they are being posted in the Juvenile Welfare Board lobby.

Mrs. Herman reminded the Board that on August 19, 1982, 7:30 p.m., the Board will hold a hearing as requested by Ms. Maslin Russ; and that this Saturday and Monday the Board will be interviewing prospective executive directors.


Mr. Meisner asked that Board members bring their personal schedules to the next regular meeting, since staff will be presenting a proposed schedule of meetings for fiscal year 1982-83.

The Needs Assessment Design report was postponed because of time constraints.

Mrs. Herman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be:
  August 7, 1982 - 9:30 - 3:30 p.m. - to interview candidates;
August 9, 1982 - 10:30 - 4:15 p.m. - to interview candidates;
August 9, 1982 - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - for discussion and possible decision on candidates;
August 19, 1982 - 7:30 p.m. - grievance hearing, etc.;
September 2, 1982 - 9:30 a.m. - regular meeting.

Carl E. Meisner, Acting secretary