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Mrs. Allen called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming and being so prompt. Dr. Osanka acted as secretary in the absence of Dr. Calvin D. Harris. Dr. Rose offered the morning prayer.

Mrs. Allen presented a plaque to Judge Robert F. Michael on behalf of the Board to commemorate his years of service to the Board in behalf of children.

MOTION

Endorsement

Grant

Dr. Rose moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried to endorse the Multi-Agency Network for Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children Grant and to direct staff to write a letter of endorsement on its behalf.

MOTION

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Herman moved, and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 1982.

Mr. Smiljanich reported that the lawsuit brought by the Juvenile Welfare Board and other agencies against the Foundation for Mental Health had been finally settled.

MOTION

Approval of Final Agreement

Foundation

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the final settlement with the Foundation for Mental Health in Pinellas, Inc. as mailed.

Mr. Smiljanich reported that he was meeting on December 10, 1982 with counsel for Dr. Edwards to discuss the status of that lawsuit.

Mr. Bill Markman, Business Administrator, reported that the Juvenile Welfare Board had received one quote for Board members insurance. When he receives the other two quotes, he will forward them to Mr. Smiljanich.

Mrs. Allen suggested that the Board try for January on the precise situation that would be involved in the autonomy position. Mr. Smiljanich plans to summarize in one final letter where the Board is in terms of legal status in regard to the autonomy question.

By general consent the Board decided that it was not necessary for Mr. Smiljanich to remain at the Board meetings after the items obviously needing his input have been discussed.

The Board discussed the staff report on concepts from the Legislative Forum. They accepted in principal the five parts of the draft position statement on the State Day Care Licensing Law. There were no comments on the position statement involving 24-hour residential care.

The Board planned to go ahead with the draft position statement on the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program. Mrs. Allen enumerated the remaining concerns from the Legislative Forum - adequate state funding for children's services, court mandated child support payments, emancipation of minors at sixteen. Mrs. Eleanor Deacon, Chairman of the Youth Services System Advisory Council, spoke on the draft bill relating to emancipation of minors and plans to have more material available at the January Board meeting.
Judge Page moved, and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried to put off consideration of the emancipation of minors issue until January and to instruct staff to do nothing further on this matter until then.

Mrs. Allen noted the Client Information Systems position statement which needs more work done on it before January, and the confidential communication for sexual assault victims, which needs to be confined to any involvement with children. Mrs. Allen suggested that the Board not pursue the position dealing with permitting exemption from child abuse reporting under specific circumstances. The Board would expect quite a bit of staffing back in those areas in which they showed interest before the January meeting.

Mr. Smiljanich left the meeting.

Mrs. Eithia Stanfield, Youth Services System Advisory Council Coordinator, reviewed the evaluation and survey composite of the Community Forums and an activity review of a workshop presented by the YSSAC Juvenile Justice Committee. Ms. Jane Allison of the YSSAC Legislative Committee reported that YSSAC's next project was to hold a legislative workshop tentatively set for February 11th.

Dr. Rose moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to accept the following recommendation on Contingency Fund Policy:

Allocations from contingency funds shall be made only to cover costs which could not be reasonably anticipated prior to certification of the annual Juvenile Welfare Board budget.

Contingency funds will be allocated only to current programs which experience an unforeseen financial emergency which can be expected to seriously impair the effectiveness of the program if not relieved.

Judge Page moved, and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried to approve a Market Survey Adjustment for the Juvenile Welfare Board staff as follows: 1. Pay grades will be adjusted up by 5%, and employees within the minimum/maximum will receive a 5% salary increase. 2. Employees less than 9% over the current maximum will receive a minimum of 2.5% increase. 3. The Clerk/Typist II position was upgraded to pay grade 28. These changes will be effective January 1, 1983, with up to $2,888.85 to cover the last two items to come from Contingency. Employees of Marriage and Family Counseling, License Board and Project Playpen are eligible for the same changes pending their respective Board's approval.

Mrs. Allen reported that the work session on the Training Unit, which was held on November 10, 1982, was a very profitable one.

Mrs. Allen called attention to the Training Unit monthly update of planned activities.

Mrs. Allen reported that at the work session on the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Design on December 1, 1982 staff again gave an excellent, detailed report.

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to move up to $5,000 from Contingency to cover an independent objective needs assessment analysis.
Mr. Meisner commented on the annual Grantwriting Seminar, which will be held on January 20, 1983 at the Juvenile Welfare Board office.

The Board noted the reports on current investments and on agency transfers in November.

**MOTION**

**Alternative Human Services**

Dr. Rose moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried to approve funding of the Fiscal Assistant and Secretary for Alternative Human Services for up to $5,005 from Contingency.

**MOTION**

**HRS Group Homes**

Dr. Rose moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the adjustment in salaries for the Health and Rehabilitative Services Group Home Program by reducing the subsidy line item by up to $478.

**MOTION**

**YWCA - Project HELP**

Mrs. Herman moved, and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried to amend the Board agreement with the YWCA-Project HELP by allocating up to $49,172 for the provision of services to pregnant teenagers in the northern part of Pinellas County. Of this amount, $42,903 will come from the Board's original allocation to the agency for fiscal year 1982-83. The additional $6,269 will come from Program Development funds.

This recommendation is contingent on the Pinellas County School Board's provision of a teacher for the north county program. In the event budgetary constraints prevent School Board's participation, the program will have to present to the Juvenile Welfare Board a revised service delivery plan which is deemed to be feasible and effective.

**MOTION**

**JSP - Project Success**

Dr. Rose moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to allocate up to $6,500 from Program Development to Juvenile Services Program to provide multi-family counseling services in the Project Success program.

Mr. Meisner explained that the application from the Jewish Community Center for funding for the After School Extension Program does not fall within the guidelines for Program Development funds and would need to be resubmitted during the 1983-84 funding cycle.

Dr. Osanka reported on his activities during the past month. Dr. Osanka informed the Board that on September 23, 1982 he had received a resignation of a position, not from employment, which read in part, "Because I know that you deserve freedom in developing your own management system in your position as Executive Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board, I want to tender my resignation from the position of Deputy Director, effective September 23rd". Dr. Osanka did not honor the request at that time, but he did honor it on November 5, 1982.

Dr. Osanka asked Mrs. Broadwater to read a letter from Mrs. Rosemary Jones, which had been written in response to an article about Dr. Osanka.

The Board noted the media items and the Affirmative Action report as of November 1, 1982.

Mr. Michaels updated the Board on the Assessment of Residential Services for Emotionally Disturbed Children and requested permission of the Board to adjust the time schedule previously presented to show a preliminary verbal report in February and a final report in March.

The Board noted the letter to Mr. Larry Overton, Assistant Secretary for Program Planning and Development, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Mrs. Allen wished everyone the happiest of holiday seasons and declared the meeting adjourned.

Frank Osanka, Ph.D., Acting Secretary