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## JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Special Meeting - July 14, 1980

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Marshall Barton (formerly Mrs. H.W. Holland); Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Judge Robert F. Michael; Judge Jack A. Page; and Commissioner Bruce Tyndall. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mr. William M. Michaels, Deputy Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Dr. Coleman opened the meeting with prayer.

Dr. Edwards served as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Eckert.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to allocate from contingency an amount of up to \$55,595 to provide reimbursement for eligible services in the Comprehensive Services Program of Family Counseling Center for the period June 1, 1980 through September 30, 1980. The Executive Director is authorized to approve an advance of funds from this allocation if the agency documents such a need.

Approval of  
FCC Request

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to allocate from contingency an amount of up to \$35,260 to provide reimbursement for eligible services in the Outpatient, Consultation and Education Programs and in Central Administration support services of Comprehensive Mental Health Services for the period June 1, 1980 through September 30, 1980. Funds may be advanced by the Executive Director from this allocation if the agency documents such a need.

Approval of  
CMHS Request

MOTION Mrs. Barton moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to allocate from contingency an amount of up to \$9,141 to provide reimbursement for eligible expenses in the Pre-school Therapy and Behavioral Specialist Programs of Pinellas Association for Retarded Children for the period June 1, 1980 through September 30, 1980.

Approval of  
PARC Request

Mr. Glackin updated the Board on legal matters, including the advisability of the Juvenile Welfare Board declining to furnish speakers to organizations under certain circumstances.

MOTION Commissioner Tyndall moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried for the Juvenile Welfare Board to reserve the right to decline to furnish a speaker to any organization whose goals, purposes, and demonstrated ethical principles are incompatible with those of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Approval to  
Decline  
Requests

The Board and staff discussed at length the advisability of continuing with referendum plans for Fall 1980. Dr. Edwards reviewed the various factors both for and against proceeding with the referendum, as well as several factors which would not be known until the October and November votes are cast. With the information available at this time, Mr. Meisner projected that the Board would be able to continue to fund current programs for the next two years within the .5 mill cap. Dr. Edwards reported on his meeting with 23 executives or representatives of funded agencies and their unanimous support of foregoing the referendum effort this Fall. Most executives/representatives present indicated a need on their part to better inform the public of the work of the Juvenile Welfare Board and offered their support in any future referendum initiative.

MOTION Commissioner Tyndall moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried  
Referendum to follow the recommendation of Dr. Edwards for the Juvenile Welfare Board  
Decision not to go for referendum in the fall of 1980.

The Board and staff discussed the implications of House Bill 4-D for the Juvenile Welfare Board, including the necessity for the Board to hold one public hearing each on the tentative and the final budget and millage. Commissioner Tyndall indicated the County was experiencing some difficulty in interpreting and implementing the requirements of House Bill 4-D.

Mr. Glackin left the meeting.

Judge Page informed the Board of the possibility of securing 15 residential care beds for emotionally problemed children at the Eckerd Camps. Staff will meet with the Camps Representative to secure details. Because of legal requirements, July 28th would be the earliest day possible for a special meeting to be called to consider a change in the presently developed 1980-81 program funding budget. The tentative budget and projected millage must be provided to the property appraiser by August 1, 1980 in order for the property appraiser to initiate the timetable required under House Bill 4-D. Any delay by one taxing authority will create problems for all taxing authorities. Dr. Coleman will set the date of the next meeting after the availability of Board members has been determined.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Commissioner Tyndall seconded a motion which carried  
Approval to to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from Program Development to Contingency  
Transfer in the 1979-80 budget.  
 From Program  
 Development

Commissioner Tyndall asked that the evaluation process of the Executive Director and the Deputy Director not be considered at the special meeting.

*The State of the Child Plan* will be discussed and approved at the special meeting.

The Juvenile Welfare Board won a second award from the National Association of Counties for developing a Social Indicator Data Bank.

The conference room daily usage for June was 33 downcounty, 4 upcounty.

The Speakers Bureau activities for June included 10 speeches to 474 people and 2 radio/TV tapings.

The Board noted a *St. Petersburg Independent* article dated June 24, 1980 - "7 Children Homeless as Group Home Closes".

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: July (?), 1980 - Special meeting.  
 Date to be determined - Public hearings.  
 September 4, 1980 - Annual agreements.

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