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Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - January 3, 1980

PRESENT: Dr. Gus Sakkis, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Virginia H. Eckert, Secretary; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Mrs. H.W. Holland; Judge Robert F. Michael; and Judge Jack A. Page. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Dr. Sakkis, who presided in the absence of Dr. Coleman, opened the meeting with a silent prayer during which he asked the members to consider Dr. Coleman (who is ill), the plight of the hostages in Iran, and the functioning of the Board and our nation during the 80's.

Judge Page arrived at the close of the prayer.

Mr. Glackin updated the Board on legal matters.

He also informed them that the $1,000,000 liability umbrella policy for the protection of Board members and staff members on contract to the Board is in effect.

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Judge Michael moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of December 6, 1979.

Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Planning and Funding Consultant, discussed the summary of "Notice of Intent" to apply for 1980-81 program funding. Board consensus was to utilize a 7% increase in funding allocations for 1980-81 as a general guideline and to be very careful in funding new programs. Requests for amounts in excess of 7% would be considered individually by the Board.

Mr. Markman informed the Board that the parking lot project had been cleared by the County. The legal notice for bids would be advertised in the paper on January 13-15, and bids would be opened on January 30th, 2:00 p.m., in the St. Petersburg office location. The bids received would be taken to the February 7th Board meeting for consideration.

MOTION Approval of 5-year Contract with Southern Telephone Systems

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve a five-year contract with Southern Telephone Systems, which will replace the present General Telephone mechanical system at a considerable saving for the Juvenile Welfare Board.

MOTION Approval to Reimburse from Educational Fund

Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to reimburse Mr. Robert T. Glenn, Assistant Coordinator of the Marriage and Family Counseling Unit, for two previously approved courses which he has successfully completed. The total amount of reimbursement would be $100, $50 for each course.

MOTION Approval to Implement Family Impact Project

Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to implement the Foster Care Family Impact Project by: (1) establishing a line item of $20,039 ($11,539 from the Juvenile Welfare Board, $8,000 from the Florida Endowment for the Humanities (FEH), and $500 from the United Way); (2) adding $8,000 from FEH and $500 from United Way to the Juvenile Welfare Board budgeted resources to be received; (3) increasing the 1979-80 budget from $4,289,035 to $4,297,535 (to reflect the additional $8,500 income); and (4) transferring from Program Development
Funds to the General Funds $11,539 as previously reserved by the Board on June 7, 1979.

Ms. Lynn Blacklidge, Public Relations Assistant, reported on "Dixieland in December for Dependent Children". Over 3,000 gifts were collected for foster children, at least $129 was deposited in the Foster Children’s Fund established by Beta Sigma Phi, and 21 pints of blood were donated to All Children's Hospital as a result of this highly successful effort. Forty-five staff volunteered their time, and forty-two community groups participated.

MOTION
Approval to Follow Recommendation not to Submit Amendments
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation that no further amendments to the Juvenile Welfare Board Act be submitted to the Legislative Delegation at this time.

Mrs. Herman opposed this motion.

A motion to reclassify a position from Secretary II to Administrative Assistant failed to carry.

MOTION
Approval of Deputy Director
Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of the Board Personnel Committee to promote Mr. William M. Michaels to the position of Deputy Director, effective January 1, 1980. At the recommendation of Dr. Edwards, Mr. Michaels will be under a short-term contract through September 30, 1980, and will then be put under a fiscal year annual contract with his salary to be determined by the Board upon recommendation of the Executive Director. Mr. Michael's salary as of January 1, 1980 will be increased 10% as a result of this promotion.

Judge Page and Judge Michael opposed this motion.

MOTION
Approval of Assistant Director for Planning/Funding
Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of the Board Personnel Committee to reclassify the position held by Mr. Carl E. Meisner to that of Assistant Director for Planning/Funding, with a 10% increase in salary, effective January 1, 1980.

MOTION
Approval of 3-year Extension
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to give Dr. Edwards a 3-year extension (through September 30, 1983) on his present contract with a 1% merit increase in salary, effective January 1, 1980.

The Board noted the draft schedule of site visits for 1980 and the Social Indicator Report summary. Dr. Edwards suggested any Board members contact Mr. Michaels or himself if they would like to participate in a site visit.

Dr. Edwards commented on the training session on "Strengths in Black Families" and on newspaper coverage of Training Unit sessions to help students build self-esteem.

Dr. Edwards said that he had visited Board meetings of 24 agencies and has 1 left to attend in an effort to inform them of the Juvenile Welfare Board's referendum plans and to solicit their support.

The conference room daily usage for the month of December was 44 in the downcounty office, 5 in the upcounty office.
Dr. Edwards called attention to the Board members' appointment dates as follow: Mrs. Eckert to August 11, 1980; Dr. Coleman to July 18, 1980; Mrs. Herman to August 7, 1982; Mrs. Holland to August 11, 1982; and Mr. Ponds to August 11, 1982.

Mr. Floyd Egner, a reporter from The Clearwater Sun, attended the meeting.

Dr. Sakkis declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: February 7, 1980, and March 6, 1980.

Virginia H. Eckert, Secretary