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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Work Session - December 1, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Frances Byrkit, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Jo Ann Welch; Judge Jack A. page; and Mrs. Helen W. Herman. Also present: Dr. Frank Osanka, Executive Director; Mr. William M. Michaels; Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Assistant Director for Planning and Funding; Mr. Michael Schmidt, Research and Evaluation Consultant; and Mrs. Gayla Larkin, Administrative Assistant.

Mrs. Allen called the meeting to order. Dr. Osanka acted as secretary in the absence of Dr. Calvin D. Harris. Mrs. Allen announced the purpose of the meeting as being a special work session to discuss an informational report previously requested (May 20, 1982) by the Board from Mr. Michaels on techniques of comprehensive needs assessment.

Mr. Michaels presented a summary of material on needs assessment techniques previously presented to the Board in written reports ("Draft Comprehensive Needs Assessment Design" and "Checks and Balances in the Determination of Valid Need: Models for Consideration").

After the presentation and extensive discussion, it was the consensus of those Board members present that Dr. Osanka be authorized to proceed with a needs assessment in the areas of day care and early childhood services, dependency, and juvenile justice, should he believe it appropriate. The balance of the needs assessment was put on hold at the present time because of concern by the Board regarding the upcoming budget cuts in the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, District Mental Health, and other agencies, which could mean lack of support on the needs assessment from these agencies, and, also, because of staff work loads at the present time. The Board indicated that when Dr. Osanka had enough information regarding the budget cuts and support from the other agencies, he should bring his recommendations to the Board at that time. While the assessment will be managed by the Juvenile Welfare Board, Juvenile Welfare Board staff will coordinate these assessments to the extent feasible with other appropriate community groups.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Allen thanked Mr. Michaels for his excellent work and presentation.

Mrs. Allen thanked everyone for coming.

The next meeting will be on December 9, 1982 - regular meeting.



Frank Osanka, Ph.D., Acting Secretary