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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - January 12, 1978

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Vice Chairman; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Judge Jack A. Page; and Commissioner Joseph Wornicki. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Planning and Funding Consultant; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

The Board met in a conference room at the Family Counseling Center on Roosevelt Boulevard, and Dr. Edwards served as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Eckert.

Dr. Coleman welcomed the new Board member, Commissioner Joseph Wornicki.

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of December 8, 1977.

MOTION Approval of District Mental Health Board Request

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to authorize up to $3,950 to the District Mental Health Board for 25% local match of State of Florida funds for purchase of residential services for psychiatric and emotionally disturbed children from Pinellas County, which amount is to come from Program Development funds. It was noted that institutional care of this nature is not a priority with the Board, but that this emergency allocation was made on the basis that the District Mental Health Board had already allocated all of its funds for 1977-78.

MOTION Approval of Pinellas Youth Homes Request

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to allocate up to $56,100 to Pinellas Youth Homes, Inc. for the period March 1, 1978 - September 30, 1978 for the development and operation of a secure shelter program for the "difficult-to-manage" youth. $50,000 of this allocation is to come from monies recaptured from the allocation to Pinellas Youth Homes by the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services, reimbursing the Juvenile Welfare Board $50,000 for the purchase of services from Pinellas Youth Homes' group home program; and $6,100 from Program Development funds. At this time the Board declined to fund $9,500 for equipment needs of the secure shelter program, but directed Dr. Edwards to work with Pinellas Youth Homes in exploring other resources in order to obtain these items.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that he had received a letter and proposal dated January 6, 1978 from Alternative Human Services, Inc. for a secure shelter program.

MOTION Approval of HRS Request, Etc.

Mrs. Mullins moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to authorize Dr. Edwards to reduce the Health & Rehabilitative Services (HRS) allocation by approximately $13,000 to cover the February 1978 billing for Homemaker/Home Management services to or in behalf of Pinellas County children if HRS funding ability is still unclear, or if cancellation of HRS contracts with providers is imminent. This reduction would most likely come from Group Homes line items.

MOTION Authorization to Accept Funds from United Way

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to authorize the Board to accept approximately $13,000 from the United Way for payment to the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services for contracted Homemaker/Home Management services to or in behalf of Pinellas County children during January, 1978. Such funds are to be repaid to the
Mr. R. C. Henry, Executive Director of Pinellas Youth Homes, expressed his deep appreciation to the Board for present and past support of the Pinellas Youth Homes program.

**MOTION**

Authorization to Use Educational Fund

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to authorize payments from the educational fund as follow: Sandy Columbus - $50; William Michaels - $25; and Doris Kelly - $25.

**MOTION**

Authorization to Remove Items from Inventory

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to authorize removal of two items from the inventory: #340 and #636 (calculators purchased in 1973 and 1975 at $69.95 and $39.95, respectively).

**MOTION**

Approval to Proceed with Irrigation System Bids

Mrs. Mullins moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to authorize Mr. Markman to proceed to obtain bids on the irrigation system for both of the following possibilities: using a deep well, incorporate our current system to well water, if possible, along with the additions to our system; or install a complete new system compatible to deep well water use. Monies for the irrigation system would come from the building fund allocation.

**MOTION**

Approval of Leave of Absence

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve a request for a leave of absence for Sandy Lindsay, License Board Day Care Assistant Worker, from March 27, 1978 - June 6, 1978 to enable her to complete college internship at the University of South Florida.

**MOTION**

Authorization to Send Brief to County Attorney, Etc.

Judge Page moved, and Commissioner Wornicki seconded a motion which carried to authorize Mr. Glackin to send a copy of a brief (in reply to a memo furnished to the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners during their "Sundown Act" review of the Juvenile Welfare Board) to Assistant County Attorney, Thomas C. Schiereck, to be kept on file with his staff. This motion also specified that Mr. Leonard W. Cooperman, Attorney at Law, be free to take whatever action he deems necessary for the best interests of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The consensus of the Board was that Dr. Edwards and Mr. Glackin be given freedom to meet immediately with Senator Sayler.

**MOTION**

Approval of Bid for Printing of Annual Report

Mrs. Mullins moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the bid of $1,730 for 5,000 copies of the current annual report.

Mr. Markman distributed computer printouts of the budgetary program and financial report through December 1977.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that contracts were signed December 21, 1977 between the Juvenile Welfare Board/Health & Rehabilitative Services, and the Juvenile Welfare Board/ Pinellas Youth Homes re utilizing $50,000 state funds.

Conference room average daily usage for December was 33.
Dr. Edwards said that Mrs. Nenabelle Dame's thirty years of service with the Juvenile Welfare Board had been acknowledged by staff during a coffee break. Mrs. Holland suggested that a plaque be made up to commemorate Mrs. Dame's loyal and dedicated service. Mrs. Holland will be consulted about the exact wording to be used.

The quarterly activities reports for Dr. Edwards were distributed.

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be at 9:30 a.m. as follow: February 9, 1978 - review/adopt the State of the Child Plan and the Annual Report; and March 9, 1978 - staff initial review of program funding applications for 1978-79.

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