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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - December 6, 1979

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; 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; Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law; and Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Planning and Funding Consultant.

By consensus of the Board members present, Mrs. Holland presided informally until the arrival of a fifth Board member to constitute a quorum. She asked Judge Michael to open the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. William J. Grant, Chairman of the Board of Pinellas Association for Retarded Children, was presented with a plaque to commemorate the Association's twenty-five years of services to children.

The members discussed items on the agenda. They agreed that the report of the Board Personnel Committee re: Personnel Policy Manual changes should be deferred until February, since the committee itself had not met up to this date and in anticipation of a lengthy January meeting.

Dr. Coleman arrived, and a quorum was in effect.

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

MOTION Judge Michael moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the adoption of a deferred compensation plan for Juvenile Welfare Board employees through Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, and to direct the secretary of the Juvenile Welfare Board to enter into individual agreements with all employees choosing to use the plan. (Resolution attached as addendum to minutes.)

Approval of Deferred Compensation Plan

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to authorize Dr. Edwards to complete a meeting schedule for the Board through December of 1980 to send to the Board of County Commissioners by January 1, 1980 to comply with House Bill 1046. Any additional meetings held by the Board would need to be advertised seven days prior, stating date, time and meeting place.

Authorization for Executive Director to Complete Meeting Schedule

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to purchase a \$1,000,000 liability umbrella policy for the protection of the Board members and those staff members on contract to the Board. The property damage liability portion of the current property insurance policy must be raised to \$300,000 to qualify for the umbrella coverage. The policy will be handled by the South Carolina Insurance Company through the Cotter Agency. The cost of \$450 will come from contingency.

Authorization for Officers & Directors' Insurance

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of November 1, 1979.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Meisner explained that Latchkey Services had withdrawn their request of November 16, 1979 for Title XX match.

MOTION
Approval of
DMHB Request

Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to allocate an additional \$4,000 from contingency to the District Mental Health Board to be used as 25% match for state general revenue funds to purchase residential care services for severely emotionally disturbed children.

MOTION
Authorization
to Return
\$2,550 to
Contingency

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to authorize the return to contingency of \$2,550 previously designated to the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services District V as match for state general funds to provide residential mental health treatment for a client, age 17, who was not accepted by the treatment center.

MOTION
Authorization
of Transfer
for CDC

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to transfer \$15,000 from Program Development funds to the Citizens Dispute Center Juvenile Arbitration Program for the fiscal year 1979/80.

Mr. Meisner informed the Board that the Juvenile Welfare Board's Sixth Annual Legislative Workshop on November 16th had been well received and that the change in format to involve small groups in discussion of six issues dealing with children had been successful.

Mr. Markman said that he had given Mr. Glackin a contract from Carter and Associates to examine. Preliminary drawings were sent to the County yesterday in order to obtain the necessary permits for the parking lot addition.

MOTION
Approval of
Endorsement
of Citizens'
Task Force

Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of Dr. Edwards to endorse the general thrust of the Citizens' Task Force on Education for Family Living and to encourage the School Board to provide for a broad base of community involvement.

Dr. Edwards suggested that further discussion on licensing church-sponsored day care centers be deferred until after the Pinellas County License Board meets again in January.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that "Dixieland in December for Dependent Children" would be held on the Juvenile Welfare Board grounds from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on December 15th as an effort to provide gifts for over 400 foster children.

Dr. Edwards called attention to the three newspaper articles attached to the Board packet.

Dr. Edwards said that he had visited Board meetings of 19 agencies and has 6 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 November was 50 in the downcounty office; 7 in the up-county.

Ms. Mara Scudder, a reporter from the *St. Petersburg Evening Independent*, attended the meeting.

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: January 3, 1980, and February 7, 1980.


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