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Present: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Dr. Gus Sakkis, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Virginia H. Eckert, Secretary; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Judge Robert F. Michael; Judge Jack A. Page; and Mr. Joseph R. Ponds, Jr. 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.

Mr. Howard W. Schmidt, President, and Mr. Curtis West, Executive Director, of the United Way of Pinellas County were present to request that the Juvenile Welfare Board provide an amount of approximately $100,000 to be used during the months of June, July, August and September 1980 for services to or in behalf of children. The Board members discussed the request.

Judge Page and Judge Michael arrived during the above discussion.

MOTION Approval for Staff to Consider Request

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to instruct staff to consider the request of the United Way and to bring the Board options for budget consideration. The motion also instructed staff and Mr. Glackin to explore the legality and possible methods for these funds to be reimbursed to the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Mr. Glackin updated the Board on legal matters.

Mr. Glackin stated that it has become necessary for him to increase his fees for legal services provided to the Board. Prior to the next meeting, he plans to send to the Board a letter raising his monthly retainer fee to $500 (for 10 hours monthly or 120 hours per year at $50 per hour).

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Judge Page moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of April 3, 1980.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Assistant Director for Planning/Funding, was in the hospital following surgery and that Mrs. Terrye A. Bradley, Assistant Planning and Funding Consultant, would present the agency requests.

MOTION Approval of Science Center Request

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to amend the Science Center agreement to change the regular tuition rate from $27.50 to $30, effective May 1, 1980. No additional funds are involved in this change.

MOTION Approval of FCC Request to Amend Agreement

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff that the agreement with Family Counseling Center be amended to read that allocated funds in excess of those required to match available Title XX monies be utilized to provide Homemaker/Health Aide services to families of children most in need of services.
MOTION Approval to Withhold Action on PAR Request

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to withhold action on the request of Operation PAR until the June 1980 meeting in order to permit the Juvenile Welfare Board Training Consultant to explore with Operation PAR a possible mutual effort between the two agencies to develop a workshop with currently available resources.

MOTION Approval to Withhold Action on Carlton Manor

Judge Michael moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to withhold action on the requests from Florida United Methodist Children's Home and District Mental Health Board re Carlton Manor for one month to give staff opportunity to explore the future direction of Carlton Manor.

MOTION Approval of YWCA Request

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to allocate from Program Development funds an amount up to $4,320 to the YWCA of St. Petersburg to be used as match for federal funds for a special teenage pregnancy program. The motion is contingent upon award by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and start up during the Juvenile Welfare Board 1979/80 fiscal year.

MOTION Approval to Table Request from CMHS

Mr. Ponds moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to table the request of Comprehensive Mental Health Services until the June 1980 meeting to ensure required documentation.

MOTION Approval to Table PYH Request

Judge Page moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to table the request of Pinellas Youth Homes until the June 1980 meeting in order to give staff time to meet with the agency to review their current utilization rate and projected deficit.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that Mr. Roy W. Miller, Executive Director of Alternative Human Services, had made a formal request to appear before the Board to present his agency's concerns with the level of funding recommended by Juvenile Welfare Board staff. The Board agreed to see representatives from Alternative Human Services at this time. Mr. Miller, Mr. V. John Brook, Jr., President, and Mr. Robert A. Miller, Vice President, addressed the Board and considerable discussion ensued.

Dr. Coleman assured the representatives that proper consideration would be given their request.

Mr. Ponds informed the Board that he would submit his resignation effective June 1, 1980 because he is being transferred to Miami. He has considered it a special privilege to be on the Board, and, in leaving, he wished to express a few concerns. He suggested that his appointment as Board representative to the License Board be filled as quickly as possible, that the Board initiate an affirmative action program and that a Christian-trained counselor be added to the Marriage and Family Counseling staff. Mr. Ponds spoke very favorably of the workshop entitled The Strengths of Black Families as presented by Mrs. Virginia J. Scott, Assistant Training Consultant. Mr. Ponds indicated he was exploring possible recommendations regarding his replacement but had none to make at this time.

Dr. Coleman assured Mr. Ponds that he had made a definite contribution to the Juvenile Welfare Board and that he would certainly be missed.
Dr. Sakkis left the meeting.

**MOTION**

Judge Page moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to authorize Dr. Coleman and Dr. Edwards to sign the agreement between the Juvenile Welfare Board and Pinellas County re a grant under the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act to benefit the Youth Services System.

Because of insufficient time remaining in which to consider the draft 1980/81 program funding recommendations and the remainder of the agenda, the Chairman called a special meeting of the Board to be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16th, at the Juvenile Welfare Board office.

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings are: May 16, 1980 - Special meeting.
June 5, 1980 - Final 1980/81 program funding budget.

Mrs. Virginia H. Eckert, Secretary