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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - May 7, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Helen W. Herman, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Vice Chairman; Dr. Calvin D. Harris, Secretary; Mrs. Mailande Holland Barton; Mrs. Mary Frances Byrkit; Judge Robert F. Michael; Judge Jack A. Page; Commissioner Charles E. Rainey; and Dr. Gus Sakkis. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mr. William M. Michaels, Deputy Director; Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Assistant Director for Planning and Funding; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Mrs. Herman called the meeting to order and welcomed the observers.

Mr. James L. Carpenter, Project Director for MGT of America, briefed the Board on the progress of the Study and called attention to the revised work plan and time schedule being followed by the Study people.

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 2, 1981 and of the work session of April 16, 1981.

MOTION Approval of Transfer of Funds

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to approve the transfer of $53,300 from Contingency to Administration Professional Fees and the transfer of $17,870 from YWCA to Contingency.

Judge Page, Commissioner Rainey and Mr. Glackin arrived during discussion of the above motion.

MOTION Approval of Anniversary Date

Mrs. Barton moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to have Mr. Michaels, Deputy Director, observe an anniversary date of October 1 as a result of returning to the regular personnel policy.

MOTION Approval of Special Merit Increments

Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to approve special merit increments for the following: Ms. Paula Jean Blessing, Assistant Training Consultant, 8% effective May 1, 1981; Mrs. Doris Burns, Research & Evaluation Assistant, 7% effective April 1, 1981; Mrs. Eva M. Barrett, Day Care Service Worker with the License Board, 7% effective May 1, 1981; and Ms. Shawn E. Roach, Planning & Funding Assistant, 7% effective May 1, 1981.

Mrs. Allen opposed this motion.

MOTION Science Center

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve a new reimbursement rate for the Science Center of $25 for one-week and $50 for two-week sessions, effective May 1, 1981, with no increase in the 1980/81 allocation.

MOTION Jewish Community Center

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to approve an amount of up to $8,000 from Program Development funds for the Jewish Community Center's summer program for subsidy of up to $1,000 per child for children who are in a continuing treatment program. This will be a demonstration project and will be the determinant in consideration of any future funding.
MOTION
Juvenile Services
Truancy Program
Mrs. Allen moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the continuation of the coordinator position in the truancy program through June 1981, pending further development or redirection of the program.

MOTION
Juvenile Services Program
Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to allocate from Contingency an amount of up to $422 to the Juvenile Services Program for the purchase of checks.

MOTION
Latchkey Services for Children
Dr. Harris moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to follow the recommendation of staff to disallow at this time the request from Latchkey Services for Children for $4,818.46 and to encourage that agency to recruit additional funds from the community.

Mrs. Byrkit opposed this motion.

MOTION
Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services
Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to follow the recommendation of staff to deny the request from Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services, Inc., for position overlap, to allow the addition of a new line item of Contractual Services in the amount of $1,000 from Salaries, and to allow the transfer of $100 from Other Supplies and $100 from Office Supplies to Postage.

Mr. Glackin stated that, after researching the extension of privilege of communication to marriage and family counselors, he felt that the time was not right for such a move. After extended discussion, he agreed to pursue drafting a local ordinance for Commissioner Rainey to run by the County legal department.

Dr. Sakkis arrived during the above discussion.

Dr. Edwards presented an overall framework for the 1981/82 revised funding recommendations, after which Mr. Meisner discussed with the Board the specific funding recommendations for each program.

Dr. Edwards discussed the draft budgets for Administration and Community Services with the Board.

Mr. William Hicinbothem, Fiscal Administrator, discussed the interim financial report with the Board.

MOTION
Letter of Interest
Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried for the Board to submit a letter expressing interest in participation in a special research and demonstration project to be undertaken jointly by the National Homescaring Council and the National March of Dimes.

Dr. Edwards distributed financial disclosure forms to each Board member.

Ms. Lynn Blacklidge, Public Relations, informed the Board of preparations for the observance of Children's Day on June 14, 1981 and presented each Board member with a copy of the 1979/80 annual report.

The Board was informed of a Family Therapy Conference on May 8, 1981 to be conducted by the Training Unit and of the Second Reconstruction Conference scheduled for October 1981.
Mr. Michaels and Mrs. Jean Herzig (Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services) discussed "Recommendations for a Better Florida Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program".

Both Judge Page and Judge Michael left the meeting.

Mr. Michaels reported on meetings with Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS) regarding "Fair Share" HRS funding for Pinellas County.

The Board packet included the Speakers Bureau activity for April (8 speeches reaching 206 people); April Training Unit statistics showing 6 Speakers Bureau presentations and 901 people participating in training; April site visits to Juvenile Services Program's Circle of Concern/Truancy Program; San Antonio Boys Village, and Girls Clubs of Pinellas County.

The conference room daily usage for April was 41 downcounty, 9 upcounty.

The packet also included case histories from Carlton Manor, Gulf Coast Jewish Family Service, Health and Rehabilitative Services, License Board, and Family Counseling Center (five programs); material from the April 16 Work Session re: Health and Rehabilitative Services and Channel Markers for the Blind; the County revenue sharing social action funding policy; and the federal social services grant act.

Flex time was implemented at the Juvenile Welfare Board office on April 20, 1981 on a 60-day trial basis.

Board members were invited to participate in the Volunteer Fair, May 9, 1981, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Heritage Park).

Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., a Juvenile Welfare Board member for over twenty-five years, has been selected as National Association of Social Workers Citizen of the Year and will be honored at a banquet on May 21, 1981, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn on Gulf-to-Bay and Highway 19.

Mrs. Herman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: June 4, 1981 - Board meeting - final recommendations; July 2, 1981 - Board meeting - as needed; Aug. 6, 1981 - Board meeting - as needed.

Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary