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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - February 5, 1981

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

Dr. Sakkis presided, and Dr. Edwards served as secretary.

Mr. Glackin verified that Board members must vote unless there is a conflict of interest.

Upon request, Dr. Edwards briefly explained the duties of the Juvenile Welfare Board officers and explained that, in the past, the officers had served as the Board Personnel Committee. He stated that the Board had functioned under a modified Robert's Rules of Order, which had never been questioned.

MOTION Election of Chairman
Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried unanimously to appoint Mrs. Herman as Chairman for the fiscal year 1980-81.

MOTION Election of Vice Chairman
Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously to appoint Mrs. Allen as Vice Chairman for the fiscal year 1980-81.

MOTION Election of Secretary
Mrs. Barton moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously to appoint Dr. Harris as Secretary for the fiscal year 1980-81.

Dr. Sakkis turned the meeting over to Mrs. Herman.

MOTION Designation to Countersign Checks
Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to designate the Vice Chairman to countersign Juvenile Welfare Board checks in addition to the Chairman (specified by law).

MOTION Approval to Honor Former Members
Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Rainey seconded a motion which carried to honor Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., and Mrs. Virginia H. Eckert (who are the two most recent Juvenile Welfare Board members no longer appointed to this Board) by asking them to come to some meeting and presenting them with a plaque. On the plaques for Dr. Coleman and Mrs. Eckert the number of years which each has served is to be spelled out. Further, this motion included the provision to observe in a similar way Board members in the future who either resign or who are not reappointed.

MOTION Personnel Committee
Mrs. Barton moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to have the officers serve as the Board Personnel Committee.

Several Board members expressed a desire to have the Board meeting room set up in such a way as to better accommodate an audience.
The Board members discussed possible amendments to the Juvenile Welfare Board Act.

Judge Page arrived during the above discussion.

MOTION Approval for Statement
Commissioner Rainey moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried unanimously to have Mr. Glackin draw up a statement by the Juvenile Welfare Board stating that the number of years the Juvenile Welfare Board has operated, it's been effective - it continues to be effective; and that the Board humbly requests no action be taken on the present status of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The consensus of the Board was that the above statement should be signed by the Chairman as the unanimous opinion of the Board and mailed to the Legislative Delegation before the February 26, 1981 hearing, the date scheduled for a vote on the proposed bill. The Chairman will be present at the hearing.

Dr. Sakkis reported on the Organizational Study Committee meeting which was held on February 2, 1981, and brought to the full Board a recommendation as formulated at that meeting.

MOTION Acceptance of Study Committee Report
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to accept the recommendation of the Study Committee to invite representatives (including the team leaders) of MGT of America and Omni Systems to make presentations before the Board on February 19, 1981 at 1:00 p.m.; and that, if either MGT or Omni withdrew, Chandler & Associates should be considered.
Mrs. Allen reported that she had received a phone call detailing erroneous information which had come out of the last Juvenile Welfare Board meeting and that this method of disseminating Juvenile Welfare Board business could be somewhat dangerous and should be discouraged.

**MOTION**

Endorsement of MHA

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried for the Juvenile Welfare Board to endorse the intent of the Mental Health Association's proposal, Advocacy for a Total Treatment System for Emotionally Disturbed Children and Youth, with the understanding that the Mental Health Association will address the reservations that have been presented by the Juvenile Welfare Board staff, and also with the understanding that the proposal will be well coordinated with all agencies, including the Juvenile Welfare Board, who are involved with providing mental health services in the County.

There was discussion on the current practice of presenting special merit increments, promotions and reclassifications on a monthly basis. Dr. Edwards explained that this was the current personnel policy in effect and follows County guidelines. He further suggested this practice as an area which could be covered in the organizational study.

**MOTION**

Approval of Special Merit Increments

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to approve special merit increments of 6% each for Mrs. Lois S. Goldsmith, Clearwater Coordinator for the Pinellas County License Board, and for Mrs. Thelma A. Gibson, Intake Counselor with Project Playpen, both effective February 1, 1981.

Mrs. Allen opposed this motion.

**MOTION**

Approval of Eckerd Foundation Request

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to approve the request from the Eckerd Foundation for reimbursement of the Eckerd Wilderness Educational System (EWES) on a per diem basis at the rate of $19.18 per child per day for each child placed under Juvenile Welfare Board sponsorship in the program, with the total amount reimbursed to EWES for fiscal year 1980-81 not to exceed $105,000. This action does not imply Juvenile Welfare Board support of an increase of slots, per diem rate, or of total allocation for any succeeding year.

**MOTION**

License Board Request Tabled

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to table action on the request from the Pinellas County License Board for additional funds until a more accurate utilization rate can be projected.

**MOTION**

JSP Request Tabled

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to table the request from Juvenile Services Program for additional funds until the March, 1981 meeting to give staff sufficient time to analyze the request.

Ms. Dora H. Harrison, Assistant County Administrator, and Mr. Hal Angermier, Director of Pinellas County Social Services, attended the meeting to present a proposal for Juvenile Welfare Board consideration for the Board to pick up additional funding for agencies already funded in part by the Juvenile Welfare Board, but which have also been receiving revenue sharing social action funding; and, also, to pick up funding for agencies which have not received funding from the Juvenile Welfare Board. Extended discussion followed. Mrs. Byrkit expressed particular concern about the impact this request would have on the Juvenile Welfare Board's criteria analysis and policy statement.
MOTION
Instructions to Staff for Recommendation

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried for staff to peruse these proposals presented by Ms. Harrison and come back to the Board with the impact that the proposals would have on the Juvenile Welfare Board, and, if there would be enough time, come back to the next meeting with a synopsis and a recommendation.

The Board noted the Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Citizens' response re respite care, the media efforts re the Incest Conference, the Speakers Bureau activity for January (11 speeches reaching 518 people, 4 TV tapings, 1 live TV show and 4 radio tapings), and the summary of the Family Crisis Intervention Committee.

The conference room daily usage for January was 35 downcounty, 9 upcounty.

The Board packet also included information on January site visits and a summary of Training activities for both December and January.

Mrs. Herman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: February 19, 1981, 1:00 p.m., Study representatives presentations;
March 2 (4, if needed), 9:30 a.m. - Staff new agency/program review;
March 5, 1981, 9:30 a.m. - Board meeting - summary of 81/82 program funding applications;
April 2, 1981, 9:30 a.m. - Board meeting - preliminary recommendations.

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