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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD
Regular Meeting - June 5, 1980

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Dr. Gus Sakkis, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Virginia H. Eckert, Secretary; Mrs. Marshall Barton (formerly Mrs. H.W. Holland); Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Judge Robert F. Michael; Judge Jack A. Page; and Commissioner Bruce Tyndall. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Dr. Coleman asked Judge Michael to open the meeting with prayer.

Dr. Coleman offered sincere congratulations to Mrs. Barton on her recent marriage.

Mrs. Herman asked that items #3.G. (draft 1980/81 program funding budget) and #3.H. (Juvenile Welfare Board Administration and Community Services requests) be reversed in considering the agenda.

MOTION
Approval of Fee Agreement
Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve a fee agreement between the Juvenile Welfare Board and general counsel providing for a monthly retainer of $500 per month, with the stipulation that total hours yearly in excess of 125 will be billed at $50 per hour. In the event of litigation, the attorney will charge $75 per hour, but litigation hours may be offset as part of the 125 general retainer hours at the rate of 1½ retainer hours per each litigation hour. This agreement becomes effective October 1, 1980, and monthly statements will be submitted.

Mr. Glackin and Dr. Edwards explained the draft referendum. Dr. Edwards stated the importance of having the service areas included as an integral part of the actual ballot so as to fully inform the public on the proposed use of tax dollars.

MOTION
Approval of Referendum Wording
Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the wording of the referendum as mailed, but to give Mr. Glackin and Dr. Edwards leeway to change the wording but not the concept of having the various service areas spelled out on the ballot.

Mr. Glackin updated the Board on some legal matters; however, he had not had time to seek an opinion from the Attorney General on the legality of telephone polls.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of May 1, 1980 and May 16, 1980.

Mr. Carl E. Meisner (Assistant Director for Planning/Funding), Mrs. Terrye A. Bradley (Assistant Planning and Funding Consultant) and Ms. Shawn E. Roach (Planning/Funding Technician) were present from the Planning/Funding Unit.

Dr. Coleman welcomed Mr. Meisner back following his absence due to surgery.

The Board discussed at length the request from the United Way for the Juvenile Welfare Board to 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.
MOTION Approval to Deny Request
Mrs. Herman moved, and Commissioner Tyndall seconded a motion which carried to deny the request of the United Way of Pinellas County, Inc. for funds for agencies now being jointly funded by the Juvenile Welfare Board and the United Way, but for the Board to consider direct funding of these agencies as appropriate upon request.

MOTION Approval to Reserve Funds
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to hold in reserve up to $100,000 of lapse funds to be available if the Board feels the agencies now being jointly funded by the Juvenile Welfare Board and the United Way need additional funding because of the community emergency.

Dr. Sakkis arrived during discussion of the above motion.

MOTION Approval of Staff Recommendation on Operation PAR
Commissioner Tyndall moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to follow the recommendation of staff as follows: to allow Operation PAR to utilize up to $219 from its current allocation to defray the deficit in registration income for a 3-day workshop on peer counseling; to deny the request for printing and development of a parents' newsletter and suggest coordination take place with the Mental Health Association; to deny the request for public announcement equipment for a puppet show, but authorize the Juvenile Welfare Board's Executive Director to reduce the Operation PAR budget by the amount necessary and then purchase the equipment to be placed in the Juvenile Welfare Board library; and to deny the request for malpractice insurance expenses.

MOTION Approval of Staff Recommendation on Carlton Manor
Commissioner Tyndall moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff that up to $815 (25%) match be allowed Carlton Manor for additional staff for the remainder of the current Juvenile Welfare Board fiscal year, said funds to come from lapse in the current year Carlton Manor budget.

MOTION Approval to Table Request from CMHB
Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to table the request of Comprehensive Mental Health Services (CMHS) until additional information is received from CMHS which will document this request. (Action may be taken at the September meeting without creating a hardship on the agency.)

MOTION Approval of Staff Recommendation on PYH
Judge Page moved, and Commissioner Tyndall seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to allow Pinellas Youth Homes an additional line item for rent in its current budget and to allow that agency to retain the $11,996 advance for the remainder of the Juvenile Welfare Board fiscal year.

MOTION Approval of Staff Recommendation on FCC
Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff for a one-time nonrecurring allocation from Contingency of up to $1,500 to Family Counseling Center for the period June 1, 1980 through September 30, 1980 for Traveler's Aid services to families with children.

MOTION Approval to Sign Title XX Contracts
Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to authorize the Executive Director to sign the primary contracts with the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services for Homemaker/Health Aide Services and for Project Playpen, since Title XX contracts must be executed by July 1, 1980.
MOTION Approval of Admn. & Comm. Services Budgets
Judge Page moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried for the Administration and Community Services budget proposals to be added to the 1980/81 budget and that the Board be furnished a schedule of the salaries involved.

A motion by Mrs. Herman to reconsider the above motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION Approval of May 1980 Recommendations
Dr. Sakkis moved, and Commissioner Tyndall seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendations of staff for program funding budgets for 1980/81 which remained the same or represented minimal changes from those made at the May 1980 Board meeting as follow: All Children's Hospital, $19,461; Big Brothers/Big Sisters, $14,752; Children's Home, $20,000; Consumer Credit Counseling, $23,505; Homemaker/Home Health, $91,980; Homemaker/24 Hour, $16,000; Project CAN, $39,912; Florida United Methodist Home, $19,227; Girls Clubs of Pinellas County, $10,833; Health & Rehabilitative Services, $303,910; Title XX Match - Latchkey, $45,500; Juvenile Welfare Board Marriage & Family Counseling, $309,208; Operation PAR, $27,863; Pinellas Association for Retarded Children, $81,720; Pinellas County License Board, $388,464; Pinellas Youth Homes (Secure Shelter), $126,661; Project Playpen, $197,225 ($672,725 with match); St. Petersburg Free Clinic, $21,784; San Antonio Boys Village, $21,582; Science Center, $3,000; YMCA (Teenage Pregnancy), $17,870; Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Citizens (Homebound), $30,330; Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Citizens (Respite Care), $15,000; Volunteer Action Center, $12,812; and Youth Services System, $20,231 ($37,696 with match).

A motion to add $140,887 for the Alternative Human Services Runaway programs to the 1980/81 budget did not carry.

MOTION Approval for AHS Runaway Programs
Commissioner Tyndall moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to approve up to $22,000 for Alternative Human Services Runaway programs in addition to staff recommendations in the budget for 1980/81 for an up-county counselor and match, for a total of $114,433.

MOTION Approval for AHS Hotline/I&R Program
Mrs. Herman moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to include $45,825 for Alternative Human Services Hotline/Information & Referral program in the budget for 1980/81.

MOTION Approval for AHS Youth & Family Resource Program
Commissioner Tyndall moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to include $20,607 for Alternative Human Services Youth & Family Resource Program in the budget for 1980/81.

MOTION Approval for CDS Program
Dr. Sakkis moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to include $29,939 for the Citizen Dispute Settlement Program in the budget for 1980/81.

MOTION Approval for CYS
Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to include $57,215 for Community Youth Services in the budget for 1980/81.
Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to include $592,082 for Comprehensive Mental Health Services in the budget for 1980/81.

Mrs. Herman moved, and Commissioner Tyndall seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to include $133,285 for Family Counseling Services Comprehensive Program in the budget for 1980/81.

Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to include $97,556 for Juvenile Services Program (Circle of Concern) in the budget for 1980/81.

Mrs. Barton moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to include $97,141 for Latchkey (After School) in the budget for 1980/81.

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to include $25,663 for Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services Prevention Program in the budget for 1980/81, with the stipulation that evidence be provided of support and endorsement by School Board Administration and of coordination between Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services and Operation PAR. The Juvenile Welfare Board will review progress in these efforts at its September 1980 meeting, and implementation will be subject to the Board's determination at that time.

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to include $18,250 for the Pinellas-Pasco District Mental Health Board (Montanari) in the budget for 1980/81.

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff to include $249,758 for Pinellas Youth Homes in the budget for 1980/81.

Dr. Edwards and Mr. Markman informed the Board that if the estimated millage needed exceeds .475 when the budget is computed, a public hearing would be necessary in order for the Board to budget over 95% of .5 mill. The Board directed Dr. Edwards to compute the final dollar figure and estimated millage incorporating necessary changes and to certify the 1980/81 program funding budget to the Board of County Commissioners if the estimated millage was .475 or under. A special meeting will be called by the Chairman if the estimated millage is over .475. In either event, a copy of the final program funding budget for 1980/81 shall be made a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Dr. Sakkis left the meeting.

The State of the Child Plan was deferred to the next meeting.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that a number of towns and cities had responded to his request to proclaim June 8, 1980 as "Children's Day". In addition, many churches indicated their intention to participate in Children's Day.
Ms. Lynn Blacklidge explained that on June 8, 1980 the Juvenile Welfare Board office would be open from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. to promote strengthening family ties by allowing three-minute phone calls to be initiated by children, parents, grandchildren or grandparents to anywhere in the continental United States. Several of the Board members, though supportive of the effort, objected to the early starting hour for this event and would prefer that, if this is done again, a starting time of about 12:30 p.m. be observed.

The Board discussed replacements for Mr. Ponds on the Juvenile Welfare Board. Dr. Edwards requested Board members contact him if they would like specific recommendations conveyed to the Governor. Potential appointees should be contacted prior to submission and agree to serve if designated.

The Board directed Dr. Edwards to request the reappointment of Dr. Coleman and Mrs. Eckert, whose terms expire July 18, 1980 and August 11, 1980, respectively.

Since another meeting of the Board is necessary to make a final decision on the referendum, and to finish other business, the Chairman called a special meeting of the Board tentatively to be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 10th, at the Juvenile Welfare Board office.

The procedure for the evaluation of the Executive Director and the Deputy Director will be considered at the next meeting.

The conference room daily usage for May was 41 downcounty, 10 upcounty.

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: July 10, 1980(?) - Special meeting. September 4, 1980 - Annual agreements.

Virginia H. Eckert, Secretary