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Mrs. Herman asked Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr. to open the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Barton presented a plaque to Dr. Coleman on behalf of the Board to commemorate his many years of service as both Board member and officer. In responding, Dr. Coleman told of his pleasure in having served on the Board and of his pride in the Juvenile Welfare Board staff. Dr. Coleman will be named Citizen of the Day on Radio WPLP on March 19, 1981.

Judge Michael presented a plaque to Mrs. Virginia H. Eckert on behalf of the Board to acknowledge her eight years as both Board member and secretary. Mrs. Eckert expressed the satisfaction she had experienced as a member of the Board and her hope that communication between Board members and staff members not only continues, but increases. Mrs. Eckert gave the Board a beautiful plaque to be hung in the Juvenile Welfare Board office building.

The Board recognized in the audience Mrs. Lynnda Speer, a former Board member who had served as both secretary and chairman.

Mr. Glackin reported that, in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 274, removal of items from inventory requires Board action and recordation in the minutes; that he would need to bring back to the Board his response as to the legality of Board members attending educational meetings at no cost; and that the last of five actions which had been filed by a former Board employee had been resolved in favor of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the work session of February 2, 1981; the regular meeting of February 5, 1981 with the addition of the following paragraph which dealt with Mrs. Allen's "no" vote re the special merit increments: "Mrs. Allen explained that, since she was unable to abstain from voting on personnel raises, she would be forced to vote "no" when they appeared. Her objection was that no information was given concerning impact on the administrative account and that her strong feeling was that all raises should be handled at the time of the administrative budget review. It was obvious that raises were a routine occurrence with two or more coming up at each meeting; and she felt this was a poor practice because it could more efficiently be done once a year with full knowledge of budgetary impact."; and the minutes of the presentations meeting of February 19, 1981.

Dr. Edwards suggested changes in the draft contract which had been received from MGT of America.

Judge Page arrived.
MOTION
Approval of Contract
with MGT of America

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried that the Board as a whole adopts all the provisions of the contract as outlined by Dr. Edwards, and, assuming that these items are accepted by MGT of America, authorizes the Chairman to sign. Mr. Glackin was instructed to note on the contract that it was prepared by him.

Dr. Edwards reported that Omni Systems has requested the return of all reports, and Personnel Research and Training Institute has requested their proposal be returned or destroyed.

MOTION
Approval of Special Salary Increments

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to approve a special merit increment of 7% for Mrs. Sarah Fisher, Intake Counselor with Project Playpen; and a 5% merit increment and one grade reclassification for Ms. Lynn E. Blacklidge, Public Relations; both effective March 1, 1981.

Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Byrkit opposed this motion.

MOTION
Approval of Pilot Fiscal Program

Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to approve establishment of a pilot program in which the Juvenile Welfare Board would provide in-kind computer service for accounting/payroll for three small agencies, which, if favorably evaluated in a few months, could be extended to other funded agencies.

MOTION
Grievance Request

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion to find in favor of the grievant, Carl Meisner, and grant a 5%, rather than a 3%, increase in salary, effective February 1, 1981.

Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Byrkit opposed this motion.

The Board asked to receive a report on the complete history of the situation in which Mr. Michaels is serving as Deputy Director without a contract at the next meeting.

MOTION
Juvenile Services Program

Dr. Harris moved, and Commissioner Rainey seconded a motion which carried to allocate from contingency an amount of up to $2,760 to Juvenile Services Program effective February 1, 1981 for the following new line items: Accounting costs, $1,600; Wilderness Program expenses, $1,160. Wilderness Program expenses reimbursement will require documentation that the agency is unable to secure all or part of these expenses from other sources.

MOTION
Family Counseling Center

Commissioner Rainey moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to approve a request from Family Counseling Center to increase the salary of one counselor to the entrance level for the grade from lapse funds, effective March 1, 1981.

MOTION
Latchkey

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to approve the request from Latchkey for 25% local match funds in the amount of up to $2,325 for the Summer Enrichment Program, contingent upon the award of the grant from Health and Rehabilitative Services. These funds would come from contingency.

MOTION
Girls Clubs of Pinellas County

Dr. Harris moved, and Commissioner Rainey seconded a motion which carried to approve the request from Girls Clubs of Pinellas County for operating expenses in the amount of up to $2,845 from lapse in the salary budget, effective March 1, 1981.
The Board discussed at length the impact on the Juvenile Welfare Board of the County request re revenue sharing social action funds.

Dr. Edwards noted that the Juvenile Welfare Board can entertain applications from any child serving agency within the Juvenile Welfare Board's current funding guidelines.

MOTION Approval of Funding Priority

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve for the fiscal year 1981/82 funding priority to those service components of Alternative Human Services, Girls Clubs of Pinellas County, Latchkey, Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services and San Antonio Boys Village up to the dollar amount provided to said agencies from 1980/81 revenue sharing social action funds on the basis that Pinellas County will continue to fund capital equipment and capital improvements for child serving agencies.

Dr. Edwards will contact the five agencies mentioned in the above motion, explain the action to them, and ask them to present an amended application to the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Dr. Sakkis left the meeting.

The consensus of the Board was that it is too early to deny any requests as inappropriate for funding at this time.

MOTION Approval of Increase Guideline

Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to use 8% as the guideline for maximum salary increment allowance and overall agency increase for program continuation.

Additional 1981/82 program funding information beyond that routinely distributed to Board members will be available to them upon request. Each Board member should contact Dr. Edwards to request the extent of materials he wishes to review on the agencies' applications for next fiscal year. A full set of applications has been placed in the library.

Mrs. Herman asked Dr. Edwards to report on the revised amendments to the Juvenile Welfare Board statute and on the February 26, 1981 Legislative Delegation meeting, at which time action was taken on the amendments as follows: to change the appointing authority of all Board members to three each from the County Commission, School Board, and Legislative Delegation; to allow the County Commission to review and comment on the Juvenile Welfare Board budget; and several housekeeping changes.

MOTION Approval of Contacts

Mrs. Allen moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to give approval for Dr. Edwards to contact members of the Legislative Delegation re the Juvenile Welfare Board amendments.

Mrs. Herman called attention to the numerous informational items, which included the Speakers Bureau activity for February (16 speeches reaching 435 people, 21 radio tapings, and 2 live radio shows); February Training unit statistics showing 9 Speakers Bureau presentations and 740 people participating in training; February site visits at the Science Center and Comprehensive Mental Health Services and a revised site visit schedule.

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

The packet also included an evaluation of the Incest Workshop; a certificate from the United Way for exceptional service; summaries of the Sex Abuse Committee, the Drug Abuse Planning Committee, the St. Petersburg Area Emergency Housing Committee, the AFDC Committee and the Developmental Disabilities Committee; a summary of District Mental Health Board legislative priorities and a new purchase of services request for services for psychotic emotionally disturbed children.
Dr. Edwards asked that Board members contact him if they did not have a copy of the 1980/81 schedule of meetings, personnel policy or affirmative action policy.

Mr. Michaels introduced Mr. Barry S. Slaiman, Assistant Research and Evaluation Consultant, who was hired in February.

Mrs. Herman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be:  
April 2, 1981, 9:30 a.m. - Board meeting - preliminary recommendations;  
April 16, 1981, 9:30 a.m. - Work session - agency review by Board;  
May 7, 1981, 9:30 a.m. - Board meeting - refined recommendations.

Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary