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PRESENT: Mrs. Helen W. Herman, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Mailande Holland Barton; Mrs. Mary Frances Byrkit; Judge Robert F. Michael; and Judge Jack A. Page. 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; Mr. William Hicinbothem, Fiscal Administrator; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Mrs. Herman called the meeting to order. Dr. Edwards served as secretary in the absence of Dr. Harris. Mrs. Herman welcomed the visitors from funded agencies and representatives from MGT of America and stated that it was her inclination to allow representatives from agencies to make brief comments during the course of meetings in order to clarify a point for the Board, unless this practice should get out of hand.

Mr. Wallace Henderson, Chairman of the Board of MGT of America, Inc., introduced Mr. James L. Carpenter, Project Director, who briefed the Board on the progress of the Study.

The Board agreed that they would not accept the staff recommendation to obtain further technical assistance from Professor David Kenerson.

MOTION Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the revised Work Plan and Time Schedule for MGT of America, Inc. as presented.

Mr. Glackin reported on the contract with MGT, which included the following provisions: that one-third of the total project cost would be held back until receipt and acceptance by the Juvenile Welfare Board of the complete final reports as contemplated by the contract; and that MGT should furnish a performance bond in terms satisfactory to the Board.

Mr. Glackin informed the Board that he found nothing in the Florida Statutes to prevent Board members from being reimbursed for the cost of conferences along guidelines previously discussed at the February 5, 1981 Board meeting.

MOTION Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to authorize transference of $500 from Contingency to Administration to cover reimbursement type funding for Board members' attendance at conferences.

Mr. Glackin discussed with the Board the necessity of having privilege of communication extended to marriage and family counselors. The consensus of the Board was that this matter should be actively pursued this year, with Dr. Edwards contacting other interested agencies, and Mr. Glackin drafting the legislation. Discussion indicated attaching this amendment to another bill would enhance the slim chances of passage.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of March 5, 1981.

MOTION Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to present the proposed changes in and additions to the Personnel Practices Manual as approved by the Employees Personnel Committee on March 17, 1981 to the consultants for their recommendations along with the rest of the Juvenile Welfare Board Personnel Practices.
MOTION Approval of Special Merit Increments and Reclassification

Judge Michael moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve special merit increments for the following: Ms. Dorothy P. Gilmour, Nutritionist/Coordinator with Project Playpen (7%); Mrs. Gail Glenn, Marriage and Family Counselor (6%); Mr. Robert T. Glenn, Assistant Coordinator with Marriage and Family Counseling (8%); Mrs. Ruth G. Glennie, Director with Project Playpen (8%); Ms. Christine L. Grondin, Secretary I with the Planning/Funding unit (7%); Mr. William R. Hicinbothem, Fiscal Administrator (9%); Mrs. Vivian L. Paine, Administrative Aide with Project Playpen (7%); and Mrs. Virginia Scott, Training Assistant (6%); and a reclassification from Secretary I to Secretary II (Grade 33) for Ms. Betty J. Sheehy with Marriage and Family Counseling; all effective April 1, 1981.

Mrs. Allen opposed this motion.

MOTION San Antonio Boys Village

Mrs. Barton moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve an additional allocation from Contingency of up to $4,796 to San Antonio Boys Village to provide subsidy for up to eleven Pinellas County youth, effective April 1, 1981.

MOTION Girls Clubs of Pinellas County Positions

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to sustain the two additional positions as requested by the Girls Clubs for the rest of the budget year, and requested an impact study by staff on the nature of how the loss of CETA funds is going to affect the programs the Juvenile Welfare Board presently funds. The funds involved would be up to $10,917 to be transferred from Contingency, effective April 1, 1981.

MOTION Girls Clubs Advance

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to authorize Girls Clubs of Pinellas County one month's advance on salaries to assist their cash flow problem, if they so request, effective April 1, 1981.

MOTION Latchkey Reimbursement Change

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to approve the request from Latchkey for a change in method of reimbursement from support of staff salaries to a subsidy for clients unable to pay the full fee, effective April 1, 1981.

Mrs. Barton opposed this motion.

Action on Latchkey's request for additional funds was deferred.

Mr. Meisner discussed with the Board the preliminary recommendations for the 1981-82 program funding.

Mrs. Allen stated that she, together with two other members of the Juvenile Welfare Board, had attended an unsatisfactory presentation by Comprehensive Mental Health Services during which the interplay between the agencies was such that she, at least, believes it deserves some comment. She would like for staff to communicate some concern about this situation.

Judge Page stated that he was proposing a change in the court services Diagnostic Center, which would affect the Juvenile Welfare Board budget. He reviewed the history of the Center for the benefit of the newer members of the Board.

MOTION Approval of Statement of Principle

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to issue a statement of principle that the Board agrees to back out of the 1981-82 Comprehensive Mental Health Services budget approximately $129,000 for the court services Diagnostic Center, which is to administered by the County.

The Board agreed to meet all day for the work session on April 16, 1981, with a break for lunch.
MOTION  Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to put Mr. Michaels back under the regular personnel policy, effective April 1, 1981.

Return to Personnel Policy

Dr. Edwards called attention to the letter from Pinellas Association for Retarded Children, which included a picture of the last graduating class of their preschool; to the case history summary submitted by Big Brothers/Big Sisters; and to the invitation from the Volunteer Action Center for Board members to participate in the 2nd Annual Pinellas County Volunteer Fair on May 9, 1981.

The conference room daily usage for March was 38 downcounty, 10 upcounty.

The packet also included the Speakers Bureau activity for March (12 speeches reaching 439 people); March Training unit statistics showing 5 Speakers Bureau presentations and 443 people participating in training; a March site visit at the Volunteer Action Center; and summaries of the Interagency Committee on Evaluation/Social Indicator Report and the Florida Families Delegation.

Mrs. Herman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be:  April 16, 1981, 9:30 a.m. - Work Session - agency review by Board; May 7, 1981, 9:30 a.m. - Board meeting - revised recommendations; June 4, 1981, 9:30 a.m. - Board meeting - final recommendations.

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