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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - June 4, 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; 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.

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

Mrs. Barton and Judge Page arrived during the above presentation.

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 7, 1981.

MOTION District Mental Health Board

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve an allocation from contingency of $3,500 to the Pinellas-Pasco District Mental Health Board V for match for state general revenue funds for purchase of residential services for severely emotionally disturbed children during the period ending September 30, 1981.

MOTION Juvenile Services Program Position Upgrade

Judge Page moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to grant the request from Juvenile Services Program to upgrade the Prevention Coordinator I position to Prevention Coordinator II within the current allocation for fiscal year 1980-81. This motion was opposed by Dr. Harris.

MOTION JSP Truancy Prevention Coordinator

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to continue the Juvenile Services Program Truancy Prevention Coordinator position through September 1981, with an operational model for continuation for fiscal year 1981-82 to be received by the Juvenile Welfare Board staff by August 14, 1981.

MOTION Compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to include the following general condition in agreements effective October 1, 1981: (agency) agrees that it will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 by providing for accessibility of services to all qualified handicapped persons. Accessibility means that provisions will be made which will permit a handicapped person to utilize the service.

Mr. Meisner reported that, at the direction of the Board, the Juvenile Welfare Board staff met with representatives of Operation PAR, Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services, and Health and Rehabilitative Services, as well as District Mental Health Board and Health Systems Agency, on May 21, 1981, to discuss residential treatment of adolescents with substance abuse problems. The result of that meeting was that the Staff and the Boards of Operation PAR and Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services plan to meet and report back to the Juvenile Welfare Board.
Dr. Edwards presented a review of estimated revenue, projected millage and additional funding potential for 1981-82 based on Board program funding direction to date. The additional funding potential ranged from $121,586 to $219,586, depending upon the tentative estimate of the mill ($10,400,000 and $10,600,000, respectively).

Mr. Meisner then discussed with the Board the 1981-82 program funding draft summary budget.

**MOTION**

**Alternative Human Services Hotline**

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the addition of a phone clerk in the amount of $2,740 to be added to the Alternative Human Services Hotline draft budget for 1981-82.

**MOTION**

**The Children's Home**

Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the addition of $5,000 to The Children's Home draft budget for 1981-82 as replacement of Pinellas County Revenue Sharing Funds.

**MOTION**

**JSP Viable Alternative Program**

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to continue the Counselor-Teacher position in the Juvenile Services Program Viable Alternative Program in the amount of up to $13,200 in the 1981-82 draft budget as replacement of Pinellas County Revenue Sharing Funds.

**MOTION**

**JSP Reclassification in 1981-82 Budget**

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to add $3,306 to the 1981-82 draft budget for the Juvenile Services Program for the reclassification to Prevention Coordinator II.

Mrs. Allen and Dr. Harris opposed this motion.

**MOTION**

**Operation PAR Adolescent Residential Treatment Center**

Judge Page moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to add $175,000 to the 1981-82 draft budget for Operation PAR for an adolescent residential treatment center for substance abuse.

**MOTION**

**Operation PAR Prevention Program**

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to increase the 1981-82 draft budget for Operation PAR by $15,925 for a new Prevention Specialist, pending receipt of new job descriptions and revised objectives for the program.

The Board directed Dr. Edwards to use identical amounts of $82,200 for both the Property Appraiser's assessment and the Tax Collector's assessment in the 1981-82 draft budget.

**MOTION**

**Children's Home Society**

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to deny the request from Children's Home Society for prenatal and medical expenses, since this program was not included in the Pinellas County Revenue Sharing proposal to the Juvenile Welfare Board, nor in the Board's motion, and is a health related service.

**MOTION**

**Revenue Sharing Replacements**

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to hold the line on all programs inherited from Pinellas County Revenue Sharing Funds and add to the 1981-82 draft budget only the amount received by the specified agencies from the Revenue Sharing Funds for 1980-81.
Mrs. Barton moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to change one Assistant Licensing Worker position from full time to 1/2 time and to add one 1/2 time Assistant Licensing Worker. This motion included instruction that a written statement of understanding be completed with the employees providing that any revision by the incumbent to time in excess of 1/2 time must be extracted from the new 1/2 time position, or that the current employee understand that additional time may not be available to her at such time as she may desire to work additional hours. This shall be effective June 1, 1981.

Mrs. Allen opposed this motion.

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to increase the 1980-81 allocation to Latchkey by $4,818 from contingency.

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to table the request from Pinellas Youth Homes for a change in line item amounts and an allocation to Oaks Ranch because there had been insufficient time for staff analysis and review.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that the Juvenile Welfare Board Act (House Bill 997) had passed both the House and the Senate and was awaiting the Governor's action. He presented a chart and explained how the Act provided for the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) eventually to appoint five members to the Board, and the School Board to appoint four. The Governor's 1980 appointments (3) would serve through December 31, 1984. Six members' terms would terminate July 31, 1981. Effective August 1, 1981, the BCC would appoint two members to a two-year term and one member to a one-year term. The School Board would appoint two members to a one-year term and one member to a two-year term. Upon the expiration of the three appointments made by the Governor in 1980, the BCC would appoint two members, and the School Board would appoint one member each for a three-year term.

The Board noted the summary of the meeting between Juvenile Welfare Board, Alternative Human Services, and Family Counseling Center staff regarding the Juvenile Welfare Board's operation of direct services, which was held on March 23, 1981.

The Affirmative Action Report, which was prepared by William M. Markman, Business Administrator, was to be subjected to individual Board member examination.

Mrs. Herman deferred the Foster Care Family Impact Study report by Dr. C. W. "Andy" Anderson and William M. Michaels to the July meeting.

Judge Page, Judge Michael, Dr. Harris and Dr. Sakkis left the meeting. A quorum was no longer in effect.

The Board briefly discussed holding up Comprehensive Mental Health Services (CMHS) funds in response to an article which indicated extensive surplus funds on CMHS books as of January 31, 1981. Dr. Edwards explained that CMHS has 60 days in which to make a response, and then 90 days in which to come into compliance with any compliance issues. He felt it was only fair to give the agency the benefit of the 60 - 90 day period.

Mrs. Herman welcomed representatives from the Youth Services System Advisory Council (YSSAC) who had been invited to give a presentation. Ms. Eleanor Deacon, YSSAC Chairman, introduced committee members who were present with her and asked for any questions the Board members might have. The following problem areas were discussed: the misconception that the community has of the relationship between YSSAC and the Juvenile Welfare Board; unfortunate public
relations in the funding recommendation area, in which one section of YSSAC makes recommendations on funding, but is partially composed of people who receive the funding, even though, technically, they don't vote; while the committees are composed of professionals and lay individuals, the lay individual is not being effectively used; and whether the Juvenile Welfare Board, rather than YSSAC, should be making the funding recommendations.

Mrs. Barton left during the above discussion.

The Board meeting on July 2nd will be extended, with lunch brought in.

The Board noted the Speakers Bureau activity for May (3 speeches reaching 45 people, 1 radio taping); May Training Unit statistics (1 Speakers Bureau presentation and 1,093 people participating in training); May site visits to Pinellas Youth Homes (Youth Homes and Plantation House), All Children's Hospital, and Tampa Children's Home.

The conference room daily usage for May was 46 downcounty, 8 upcounty.

The Board packet included case histories from Florida Health & Rehabilitative Services - Protective Services, Project Playpen, and Latchkey; a Family Life Education Council report; a White House Conference on Families - 3rd follow-up session letter; and a report on Channel 1.

The packet also included a letter from Volunteer Action Center; material from the License Board (Mary Faust Toy Lending Library, referral service, and Title XX Training Program); a St. Petersburg Times article re licensing of psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, etc.; and material on the Pinellas Young People's Residential Treatment Home, Inc., and Camelot Care Center.

Mrs. Herman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary