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Mrs. Herman called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Barton presented a plaque to Dr. Sakkis on behalf of the Board to commemorate his many years of service as both Board member and officer. In responding, Dr. Sakkis (who retired as Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools on June 30, 1981) told of his regret in leaving the Board. He said that he had enjoyed serving on this Board because it is such a worthy organization - the professionalism of both Board and Staff has been exemplary.

Mr. James L. Carpenter, Project Director for MGT of America, briefed the Board on the progress of the Study and called attention to the latest revised work plan and time schedule being followed by the Study people. In addition, and in response to a request from the Board Chairman at the June 4th meeting, Mr. Carpenter presented information on administrative costs of 16 organizations similar to the Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB), and then showed by analysis that administrative costs of JWB definitely fall at the low end of the acceptable range, well within the line of the role of the agency and the way the agency is currently structured to provide services to clients. Total administrative cost and program administrative cost for the surveyed organizations ranged from 12.1% through 33.4%, whereas comparable cost for JWB was 13.3%. Mr. Carpenter also presented a table on the role of the Executive Director, which will be further analyzed in the final report.

Judge Michael arrived during the above presentation.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 4, 1981.

MOTION
Approval of Special Merit Increment
Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to approve a special merit increment for Mrs. Terrye S. Bradley, Assistant Planning and Funding Coordinator, 9% effective July 1, 1981.

Mrs. Allen opposed this motion.

MOTION
PYH New Line Item
Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to approve the request from Pinellas Youth Homes to reduce the line item for food by $11,331 and to reinstate the line item for rent in the same amount, effective June 1, 1981.

MOTION
PYH Oaks Youth Ranch
Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to approve the request from Pinellas Youth Homes to reduce the Group Homes salary budget by up to $9,036 and award up to $9,036 to the Oaks Youth Ranch, said amount to be reimbursed at the rate of $12.30 per day per Pinellas client in residence during the period from June 1, 1981 through September 30, 1981. This action is subject to receipt of a budget which documents a deficit which will preclude duplicate payment for care.

Mrs. Allen opposed this motion.
Dr. Edwards reviewed the draft 1981-82 program funding budget as adjusted by June Board action, which would amount to $5,054,497 (98% of the estimated millage required). Based on available figures, the approximate millage would be .4395 to bring in $5,157,650 (100% of ad valorem taxes). Dr. Edwards called attention to the material indicating the Juvenile Welfare Board's budget had increased $383,376 due to lost funding or revenue sources.

Dr. Edwards asked that he be allowed to include an additional amount for retirement in the draft budget, since the retirement percentage has been increased to 10.9%. This would amount to approximately $25,000 distributed between License Board, Project Playpen and Juvenile Welfare Board.

Mr. Meisner then discussed with the Board the 1981-82 program funding draft summary budget and the need for receipt of line item budgets from all agencies well before the August 6th Board meeting. Ms. Carole Kennedy presented Alternative Human Services' rationale for not presenting a line item budget at this time.

The Board noted recent communication from Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services indicating that their application for a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism had been approved, with conditions. There was discussion regarding staff review and recommendation regarding the Operation PAR Substance Abuse Program and tentative allocation.

A motion to fund Latchkey at the level requested, or $36,456 more than the current staff recommendation, failed to pass.

The Board noted material concerning Community Youth Services' non-compliance with their 1980-81 amended agreement with the Juvenile Welfare Board in the area of revised staff positions.

Mrs. Herman informed the Board that Governor Graham had vetoed the Juvenile Welfare Board bill, House Bill 997.
The Board reviewed the impact study of CETA cuts, which they had requested.

Dr. C. W. "Andy" Anderson, Project Coordinator, gave a report on the Foster Care Family Impact Study in Pinellas County, which had been carried out in cooperation with The Family Impact Seminar, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

The Board noted the summary of the staff meeting with Alternative Human Services and the Family Counseling Center concerning direct services provided by the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The Board packet included a letter from Ms. Dora Harrison, Assistant County Administrator, re the Juvenile Services Program's one-time funding through Federal Revenue Sharing Funds in fiscal year 1980-81; Speakers Bureau activity for June (14 speeches reaching 363 people, 2 radio tapings, and 2 TV tapings); June Training Unit statistics (2 Speakers Bureau presentations and 709 people participating in training); and June site visits to Operation PAR (Primary Prevention Program), Health & Rehabilitative Services (St. Petersburg Unit); and the Juvenile Welfare Board's Marriage and Family Counseling Unit.

The conference room daily usage for June was 39 downcounty, 6 upcounty.

The packet also included agency case histories from the License Board satellite homes and food program and from Project Playpen's food program; a letter from the University of South Florida Association of Black Students expressing thanks for help with a lecture series; a letter from Westgate Elementary School in appreciation of help with a consultancy project; an article from the Seminole Beacon about a "Kids' Appreciation Day"; a letter from the City of Oldsmar thanking Dr. Edwards for his appearance at a Council meeting; and a letter from The Salvation Army about observance of Children's Day on June 14th.

Mrs. Herman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: August 6, 1981 - Board meeting (possibly all day)-MGT draft report; Sept. 3, 1981 - Board meeting - MGT final report; Sept. 18, 1981 - Annual meeting, 2:00 p.m., Conference Room #1.

Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary