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Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting: 1981: 10: 01: Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - October 1, 1981

PRESENT: Mrs. Helen W. Herman, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Mary Frances Byrkit; Judge Robert F. Michael; Judge Jack A. Page; Commissioner Charles E. Rainey; and Dr. Scott Rose. 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. Dr. Edwards served as secretary in the absence of Dr. Harris.

MOTION Reconsideration of Exec. Director's Contract

Commissioner Rainey moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried that the Executive Director's employment contract be reconsidered and previous documents or minutes pertaining to the Executive Director's employment also be reconsidered; that an evaluation of Dr. Edwards be started immediately by this Board; and that the legal counsel, Mr. Glackin, be instructed to start preparing a contract for the Executive Director.

Mrs. Allen stated that she would like to have it made a part of the minutes of this session that, while she agrees with many of the conclusions that MGT came to in its study, she does have some problems with some of their methodology as being highly manipulative and having the result of unnecessary turmoil.

MOTION Final Payment to MGT

Mrs. Allen moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to authorize final payment to be made to MGT of America.

MOTION Approval to Defer Election of Officers

Mrs. Allen moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to defer the election of officers until next month when, hopefully, nine members will be present to deliberate on the problem.

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Allen moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 3, 1981, the special meeting of September 17, 1981, and the work session of September 28, 1981.

MOTION Approval to Waive General Condition #13

Mrs. Allen moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried for the Board to waive the completion of general condition number 13 for fiscal year 1981-82 in order that the agencies may receive reimbursement before the contracts are signed. This motion was made with the understanding that staff be extremely conservative in utilizing this waiver.

MOTION Authorization to Waive Certain Conditions

Mrs. Allen moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to authorize the Executive Director to waive specific general conditions not appropriate to certain funded agencies.

MOTION Authorization for Advance

Mrs. Allen moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to authorize the Chairman (or other officer), upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, to make an advance not to exceed 10% of the total allocation for the fiscal
year upon written justification of need by that agency. No cash advance would be given to any agency which has unrestricted liquid assets which equal or exceed the cash advance requested.

**MOTION**  
Approval of Special Merit Increments  
Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried to approve special merit increments for Bill Antonelle, Custodian/Handyman, 9%; and for Elithia Stanfield, Coordinator of Youth Services System Advisory Council, 4%; both effective October 1, 1981.

Mrs. Allen opposed this motion.

**MOTION**  
Approval to Continue Check Signees  
Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to continue the present check signees, since the election of officers was deferred until the November meeting.

Mrs. Herman recognized Mr. Michaels, who wished to make a statement to indicate that he appreciated the support displayed to him by Dr. Edwards at the last meeting, that he realized the study was calling for a different configuration, and that he would like the opportunity to apply for the Deputy Director position once requirements are established according to a new job description.

**MOTION**  
Reconsideration of Previous Motion  
Dr. Rose moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to reconsider the previous motion authorizing final payment to be made to MGT of America.

**MOTION**  
Payment Contingent on Receipt of Description  
Dr. Rose moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to authorize final payment to MGT of America at the time the Board receives the Deputy Director job description from them.

Mr. Meisner discussed with the Board the final draft of the 1981-82 program funding budget.

Commissioner Rainey left the meeting.

**MOTION**  
Approval of YWCA Request  
Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to allocate the 30% required local match for up to $28,592 from Program Development to the Young Women's Christian Association for Project H.E.L.P., effective October 1, 1981, subject to award of federal funds for the project and subject to fiscal review of the agency.

**MOTION**  
Consideration of FACE Request  
Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to instruct staff to work with FACE Learning Center, if FACE is so willing, to redo their request to orient it more towards the displaced homemaker with children concept and revitalizing the family. The motion also expressed concern that care be given to a more modest approach than that evidenced in the request.

Mr. Michaels updated the Board on recent developments with Comprehensive Mental Health Services/Affiliated Health Services.
Dr. Rose moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to add a thirty day cancellation clause in the 1981-82 agreement with Affiliated Health Services and hold funding to the 1980-81 level in the amount of up to $474,930. The remainder of $92,679 shown in the draft budget will be transferred to Contingency. Regardless of the thirty day clause, Juvenile Welfare Board funds supporting the South Central Catchment area may be re-allocated upon the award of other grants to another provider. The Juvenile Welfare Board will review all options for provision of optimum delivery of mental health services to or in behalf of children in Pinellas County.

Mrs. Allen moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to adopt the final 1981-82 Juvenile Welfare Board budget incorporating the changes discussed at this meeting and with the inclusion of the Truancy Prevention component of the Juvenile Services Program as spelled out in the minority staff recommendation.

Mrs. Allen left the meeting.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board of an unusual request which had been received by the Marriage and Family Counseling unit involving counseling for a client who has been incarcerated in a county facility. Since Board members evidenced no disagreement in having counselors provide this type service, staff will pursue the request to see if it is feasible to do so.

Dr. R. J. Doody, Training Consultant, extended an invitation to the Board members to attend the conference, "Is America at the Crossroads of Equality for All?", which will be held on October 18, 19 and 20, 1981.

Mr. Michaels informed the Board that Senator Rehm, at the 1980 Legislative Workshop, had suggested that the local legislative delegation establish a Children's Committee to monitor children's legislation.

Mr. Meinsner discussed with the Board suggested issues for the Juvenile Welfare Board Legislative Workshop which they would most like to have placed on the agenda. The Board selected various issues to be presented.

Dr. Rose left the meeting, and a quorum was no longer in effect.

Mrs. Herman asked Virginia Scott, Training Assistant and Conference Coordinator for the "Crossroads" conference, to speak additionally on the conference. Mrs. Scott stressed that the information given at the conference would be pertinent to everyone in whatever type of work involved.

Mr. Michaels spoke briefly on the Developmental Disabilities Consortium, an advisory and advocacy group composed of approximately 40 persons involved in the planning, funding, or provision of developmental disabilities services.

Mr. Mike Schmidt, Research and Evaluation Consultant, gave a brief summary of the Social Indicator Report Executive Summary.

Because of lack of time, the Board members were urged to read the material on the site visit at Operation PAR instead of having a verbal report.

The informational material included Speakers Bureau activity for September (5 speeches reaching 199 people); September Training Unit statistics (3 Speakers Bureau presentations and 535 people participating in training); September site visits (Big Brothers/Big Sisters and a special compliance monitoring visit of Comprehensive Mental Health Services).
The conference room daily usage for September was 40 downcounty, 8 upcounty.

The packet also included information on employee service time, a flyer for the National Association of Social Workers State Conference (October 14-16/81), a letter to Governor Graham re block grants, a License Board letter to the County Attorney, an article in the "Family Day Care Bulletin" about Project Playpen, St. Petersburg Evening Independent articles on the State of the Child Plan, and a special meeting of the Interagency Committee on Evaluation.

Mrs. Herman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be:

October 1, 1981 - Public hearing on preliminary budget & millage, 7:30 p.m., St. Petersburg JWB Conf. Room #1;
October 8, 1981 - Public hearing on final budget & millage, 7:30 p.m., St. Petersburg JWB Conf. Room #1;
October 18-20/81 - JWB Conference "Is America at the Crossroads of Equality for All";
October 29, 1981 - Work session;
November 4-6/81 - Florida Conference on Children & Youth (Orlando);
November 5, 1981 - Board meeting.

Carl E. Meisner, Acting Executive Director per December 3, 1981 minutes