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PRESENT: Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Frances Byrkit, Vice Chairman; Dr. Calvin D. Harris, Secretary; Commissioner John Chesnut, Jr.; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Dr. Scott Rose; and Mrs. Jo Ann Welch. Also present: Dr. Gus Sakkis, Interim Director; Mrs. Mary Laura Broadwater, Executive Secretary; and Mr. Terry A. Smiljanich, Attorney at Law.

Mrs. Allen called the meeting to order.

MOTION
Endorsement
of NFSE Week

Mrs. Welch moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously to authorize endorsement of and support for National Family Sexuality Education Week, October 5 through 11, 1983.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 11, 1983 and the regular meeting of July 14, 1983 as mailed.

The Board noted the Personnel Report for July 1983 and welcomed a new staff person, Ms. April Ausby, Secretary I in the Marriage and Family Counseling agency.

The Board reviewed the current investment report and the July transfers.

MOTION
The Children’s Home

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried unanimously to allow The Children’s Home to amend its 1982-83 Juvenile Welfare Board agreement to provide residential services to a third non-Health & Rehabilitative Services client and to use up to $1,175 in lapse funds at a per diem rate of $25.00 for 47 days of service for this purpose during the period from August 1, 1983 through September 30, 1983.

Dr. Harris arrived during discussion of the above motion.

A request from Young Women’s residence for an additional allocation had been withdrawn.

The Board discussed expansion of Juvenile Welfare Board policy regarding the scope of programs funded, but no motion was initiated.

Commissioner Chesnut arrived during the above discussion.

MOTION
Edwards Settlement

Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to accept counsel’s recommendation to offer to settle the Edwards litigation by offering $50,000 now and $660 per month for ten years.

MOTION
Postpone- ment of Decision on Litigation

Mrs. Herman moved, and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried to postpone a decision on possible litigation with the Board’s former counsel until September 1, 1983.

Mr. Smiljanich explained that he expected to be able to report at the next Board meeting as to what assets of Baker Personnel exist from which to recoup the amount of the Juvenile Welfare Board judgment.

Mr. Smiljanich left the meeting.
MOTION Identification of Source of Funds
Dr. Rose moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously to state that if a Board member moves to increase the 1983/84 proposed budget, he/she must identify the source from which the funds are to come.

By general consent, the Board honored Family Service Centers' request to delay implementation of the new counselor position and that of the part-time secretary so that there would be no cost factor of an additional $3,829 in the Comprehensive Services Program.

MOTION Gulf Coast Chapter of the National Society for Autistic Children
Dr. Rose moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to move the amount of $630 from Contingency to the proposed 1983/84 budget for the Gulf Coast Chapter of the National Society for Autistic Children to correct a transposition of figures.

Dr. Harris and Mrs. Allen opposed this motion.

MOTION Jack and Ruth Eckerd Foundation
Dr. Rose moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously to accept the proposal from the Jack and Ruth Eckerd Foundation to remove the amount of $1,365 from the proposed 1983/84 budget for that agency to adjust for a change in bed slots, and return said amount to Contingency.

Dr. Rose left the meeting.

MOTION Adoption of Tentative 1983/84 Budget
Dr. Rose moved, and Commissioner Chesnut seconded a motion which carried unanimously to adopt the tentative Juvenile Welfare Board budget for 1983/84 as amended at this meeting.

Dr. Sakkis expressed appreciation for the amount of work that the Board put into reviewing the budget on a line by line basis.

MOTION Allocation for Technical Assistance
Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously to allocate up to $2,000 from Contingency in the current budget for technical assistance in implementing the Coordinated Needs Assessment, contingent upon a like sum from the United Way or some other source.

MOTION S.E.D. Network Certification
Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously to certify that the Juvenile Welfare Board supports the concept of multi-agency planning for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed Network and agrees to provide conditional support pending review of the completed document.

Dr. Sakkis called the Board's attention to the staff reports, the media items, and the site visit summaries.
Mr. Will Michaels, Director of Research and Evaluation, updated the Board on current performance of the Mental Health Services of South Pinellas - Child Guidance Center.

**MOTION**

MHSSP - Child Guidance Center

Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously to remove the Mental Health Services of South Pinellas - Child Guidance Center Program from probationary status and return it to normal status.

Ms. Elithia Stanfield, Coordinator of the Youth Services System Advisory Council (YSSAC), presented an analysis of the present YSSAC lay representation.

Mrs. Allen declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be:
- September 1, 1983, 7:30 p.m. - public hearing;
- September 8, 1983, 9:30 a.m. - regular meeting;
- September 8, 1983, 7:30 p.m. - public hearing.

Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary