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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; Dr. Scott Rose; and Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd. Also present: Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Acting Executive Director; Mr. William M. Michaels, Deputy Director; Mrs. Mary Laura Broadwater, Executive Secretary; and Mr. Terry A. Smiljanich, Attorney at Law.

Mrs. Herman called the meeting to order and then recognized and welcomed Commissioner Charles E. Rainey (former Board member); new Board member, Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd; and newly appointed Board attorney, Mr. Terry A. Smiljanich.

MOTION Approval of Minutes Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the work session of November 19, 1981 and of the regular meeting of December 3, 1981.

MOTION Approval to Extend Severance Pay Mrs. Allen moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to follow the recommendation of Mr. Smiljanich to extend the severance pay for Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, former executive director, for one additional month to include the month of January 1982 to allow the Board attorney and the attorney representing Dr. Edwards more time to come to some kind of equitable resolution by the February Board meeting.

MOTION Approval of Resolution Mrs. Allen moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve a resolution of gratitude to Commissioner Rainey for his years of service on the Board.

MOTION Approval to Request Withdrawal of Bill Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried for the Board to send a formal statement to the Legislative Delegation indicating that because the Juvenile Welfare Board has worked well with a broad base of nine members, the Board would like to have the bill which is presently being considered withdrawn.

Commissioner Rainey stated that he would be more than happy for the County Commission to ask for the withdrawal of the bill, also.

Dr. Rose arrived.

The Board noted the personnel report for December. In the future, Board would like for new staff to be invited into the meeting to be introduced.

MOTION Referral to Policy Committee Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried for consideration of the acting executive director's salary to be referred to the Policy Committee, who would bring back a firm recommendation to the Board.

MOTION Approval of Reclassification Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to approve a reclassification from Assistant Food Monitor to Food Monitor (Grade 35) for Beverly Lacy with the Pinellas County License Board, effective January 1, 1982. This motion does not involve Juvenile Welfare Board funds.
Dr. Rose moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the salary adjustments for staff as presented by Mr. Bill Markman, Business Administrator, effective January 1, 1982. Funds for this adjustment are to come from Contingency.

Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to approve the fee agreement between the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County and general counsel as mailed, effective December 3, 1981.

Mrs. Allen opposed this motion because she did not feel that it is always necessary to have an attorney seated with the Board.

Mr. Meisner brought to the attention of the Board the Second Annual Juvenile Welfare Board Grantwriting Workshop, which will be held January 13 and 14, 1982.

The Board expressed a desire not only to be informed of Juvenile Welfare Board sponsored workshops, but also to give prior approval to them.

Mr. Michaels updated the Board on recent developments with mental health services.

Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to adopt the recommendations of staff that the Juvenile Welfare Board request Affiliated to reconsider billing service providers for property they fully own, or which has previously been paid for out of public funds; and that the Juvenile Welfare Board join with the District Mental Health Board (letter of December 8, 1981) in requesting from Affiliated in writing within twenty days: (a) an accounting of how assets have been spent since June 30, 1981; (b) a proposed plan for distribution of all remaining assets, both liquid and fixed; and (c) verification that any real estate presently owned by the Foundation or Affiliated was not purchased with funds designated for services.

Mrs. Byrkit, Board representative to the committees meeting to discuss organization and funding processes of mental health services, reported on her recent activities in this area.

Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to authorize the Board attorney to join in filing an injunction with the District Mental Health Board (DMHB) to bar Affiliated or the Foundation from further spending assets without Court approval, if DMHB decides to take such action.

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to authorize staff to further refine Mental Health Services of South Pinellas' objectives and budget within an allocation of up to $134,305 from Contingency, effective January 1, 1982. The Contingency fund will be replenished by the residual funds from Affiliated Health Services.

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to authorize staff to further refine Mental Health Services of North Pinellas' objectives and budget within an allocation of up to $123,525 from Contingency, effective January 1, 1982. The Contingency fund will be replenished by the residual funds from Affiliated Health Services.
Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the request from Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Citizens to transfer up to $10,295 from the 1981-82 Juvenile Welfare Board funded salaries to the funding of 2 high-risk slots in the Play Parc School.

Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to approve the elimination of the transportation line item and the addition of a travel line item in equal amounts of $1,000 in the budget of Tranquilla En Su Casa's Spouse Abuse Shelter Program.

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to approve the revised budget as requested by Girls Clubs of Pinellas County to include a line item for travel to the Girls Clubs allocation. This action requires no additional funds.

Mrs. Allen moved, and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried to receive and file the appeal from the Jewish Community Center of Pinellas County.

Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to authorize a letter to Mr. Lonnie Donaldson, Executive Director of Community Youth Services, Inc., indicating that the Board has received the site visit report for informational purposes; that the Board shows great concern and looks forward to his written report prior to the 22nd of the month as discussed with Mrs. Allen on the telephone and to an oral presentation on the 4th of February; and that the Board looks forward to a site visit (to include Board members) sometime during the month of February.

Dr. Harris informed the Board that the requests for proposal for a consultant to conduct a search for an executive director had been sent out - proposals postmarked by February 19th will be considered.

The Board noted the narrative report from the Acting Executive Director.

Mr. Meisner informed the Board that Mr. Bill Hicinbothem, Fiscal Administrator, may run for the Largo City Commission.

Mr. Meisner wanted the Board to know that staff may be asked to appear at an appeal hearing in Tallahassee or St. Petersburg having to do with crisis intervention funds that the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services had awarded a month or so ago - two agencies have appealed that award, and the Juvenile Welfare Board has been prominently mentioned by all the adversaries.

The Board noted material concerning collateral securities for public funds; five newspaper articles dealing with the Juvenile Welfare Board; the monthly Financial and Investment report; and the 1980/81 Annual Financial Report.

Mr. Meisner distributed copies of a letter from the Juvenile Welfare Board's auditor which indicated that the 1980/81 audit had culminated in the issuance of an internal control report void of any deficiencies or adverse comments, which is a rarity.

Mrs. Herman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: January 21, 1982 - Work Session; February 4, 1982 - Regular Board Meeting.

Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary