Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting: 1982: 06: 03: Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
PRESENT: Mrs. Helen W. Herman, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Vice Chairman; Dr. Calvin D. Harris, Secretary; Mrs. Mailande Holland Barton; Judge Robert F. Michael; Judge Jack A. Page; 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.

MOTION Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Barton moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 1982 and of the work session of May 20, 1982.

Mr. Smiljanich updated the Board on the Edwards litigation and on recent developments with mental health services.

Mrs. Barton, Chairman of the Celebration Committee, apprised the Board that the 35th anniversary dinner will be held on October 15, 1982 at Spoto's Restaurant, with entertainment furnished by a children's group. Board members were asked for input on various aspects of plans for the celebration. Mrs. Barton then asked Ms. Lynn Blacklidge, Public Relations, to give her report on initial publicity for the event and plans for the future.

MOTION Approval of Celebration Expenses
Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to approve expenses for the anniversary celebration, which expenses will be monitored closely by the four-member Board committee (Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Allen and Commissioner Todd).

Mrs. Allen, Chairman of the Policy Committee, reported on the recent meeting of the Committee to discuss autonomy with representatives of Project Playpen, the License Board, and the Marriage and Family Counseling Unit. The meeting resulted in an agreement that Project Playpen and the License Board would develop a list of their requirements (auditing, check writing needs, etc.), in combination with the Juvenile Welfare Board staff, to present to the Policy Committee in approximately six weeks. The Policy Committee will then review it, and probably pass it on to the Board attorney to draft a legal contractual form, so that these two agencies could have an autonomous beginning by October 1, 1982. The Marriage and Family Counseling Unit is running behind this schedule because they have not yet developed fully their Board of Directors, bylaws, etc., but, basically, they are on the same track, but running a little bit later.

Mrs. Allen then discussed the brainstorming session the Committee had held with the Youth Services System Advisory Council (YSSAC) to discuss what role YSSAC should have in its relationship with the Juvenile Welfare Board. Mrs. Allen relinquished the floor to Mrs. Deacon, Chairman of YSSAC, who substantiated the remarks that Mrs. Allen had made, and then asked Ms. Sharron Dillard, Chairman of the Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency (AND) Committee, to speak to the Board for a few minutes. Ms. Dillard informed the Board that the local Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS) district had asked the AND Committee to be the task force for District V in response to recent legislation which mandates that all of the HRS districts, and HRS statewide, develop a comprehensive plan for the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.
MOTION Approval to Increase Suggested Salary Range

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of Mr. James M. Baker, President of Baker Personnel Incorporated, to add from $2,000 to $4,000 to the suggested salary range for the Executive Director position.

The Board noted the personnel report for May, 1982, and welcomed a new employee, Mr. Kent Osborne, marriage and family counselor.

Mr. Meisner called attention to the Training Unit monthly update, the investment report, the report on agencies' audits, and agency budget amendments.

MOTION Approval of JSP Request

Judge Page moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to grant the request from Juvenile Services Program, Inc. to transfer up to $6,560 in lapse funds to provide for the Counselor and Aide/Screener positions in the Viable Alternatives Program through September 30, 1982.

MOTION Approval to Continue to Table MHSNP Request

Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to continue to table the Mental Health Services of North Pinellas request until merger negotiations with Shoreline Mental Health Center have been completed.

Mr. Meisner commented on the summary of the May 20th work session, which was included in the Board pack.

Mr. Michaels shared with the Board the information that when staff recently conducted a site visit at Mental Health Services of South Pinellas they found that the children's services staff were carrying nonchild-related adult cases on their caseload. Since this is a compliance item, Mr. Michaels felt that it should be brought to the attention of the Board.

Mrs. Herman noted the narrative report from the Acting Executive Director and the media items.

Mr. Michaels updated the Board on contacts with Community Youth Services (CYS) since the last Board meeting. He asked Mr. Smiljanich to review staff response to the most recent letter from CYS. Mr. Smiljanich answered that the response was succinct, to the point, and met with his approval.

Mrs. Herman asked Mr. Michaels to give a brief explanation of the Interagency Committee on Planning & Evaluation (ICOPE); after which, he updated the Board on the current activities of ICOPE.

Mrs. Herman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be: July 1, 1982 - Regular Meeting.

Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary