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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - September 2, 1982

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.

MOTION Approval to Open Meetings With Prayer

Mrs. Barton moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to open the regular meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board with prayer, as had been done in past years.

Mrs. Herman asked Judge Michael to open the meeting with prayer.

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 5, 1982.

In regard to the Edwards litigation, Mr. Smiljanich noted that the final report from the Florida Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc. had been received by the Juvenile Welfare Board and filed, and does not require or contemplate any specific response.

MOTION Settlement Clause

Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to accept in the settlement concerning the Foundation for Mental Health the following clause: Additionally, $35,000 in cash or liquid assets shall be transferred to the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, upon the conclusion of the receivership and the discharge of the receiver named herein. Said payment to be evidenced by a note in the amount of $35,000 to be paid over a period of seven years in increments of $5,000 annually on September 30th of each year beginning September 30, 1983, the note to be non-interest bearing.

Mrs. Byrkit opposed this motion.

Mr. Smiljanich reported that there is a contract with the new executive director, Dr. Franklin Mark Osanka, at the salary voted on by the Board ($42,000 for the first year and $45,000 for the second year), and with all the other details that were discussed. The contract starts September 20, 1982.

Mr. Smiljanich stated that, based upon his review of the insurance policy, there is not any current insurance for the individual Board members in connection with their official acts on behalf of the Board to cover anything outside of the standard automobile accidents, and things of that nature. Mr. Smiljanich will pursue this matter.

Mr. Smiljanich updated the Board on his efforts for resolution of the problem of autonomy for the Marriage and Family Counseling unit.

Mrs. Herman informed the Board that Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., former Chairman of the Board for many years, had suffered a heart attack about a week ago and was now home from the hospital.
MOTION
Resolution Honoring Mr. Meisner

Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS Carl Meisner was called upon to step into the position of Acting Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board without notice and

WHEREAS Carl Meisner worked successfully to give leadership to the staff to continue the work of the agency without interruption and

WHEREAS Carl Meisner moved quickly to make necessary changes to advance the work of the agency and

WHEREAS Carl Meisner gave most unselfishly of his time and energy and

WHEREAS Carl Meisner is looked upon with warm personal regards by the members of the Juvenile Welfare Board with the expectation of his continuing a long and fruitful future association with the Juvenile Welfare Board

Be it therefore resolved that this resolution recognizing the excellent, unselfish service that has been given by Carl Meisner on behalf of the Juvenile Welfare Board and in particular to the children of Pinellas County to be spread upon the minutes of the regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board on September 2, 1982 in grateful appreciation for the leadership given by Carl Meisner, Acting Director, Juvenile Welfare Board, November 1981 to September, 1982.

Helen W. Herman     Mary Wyatt Allen     Barbara Sheen Todd
Mailande W. Barton   Scott N. Rose       Calvin D. Harris  Robert F. Michael
Mary Byrkit         Jack A. Page       

Mrs. Barton, Chairman of the Celebration Committee, reported on the progress her committee was making in planning for observance of the 35th anniversary of the Juvenile Welfare Board on October 15, 1982.

MOTION
Adoption of Concept for Prior Review and Response

Mrs. Allen moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to adopt for rewording and adding to the Board members' Policy and Practices Manual the concept of the following paragraph as suggested by Mr. Meisner:

Information provided to individual Board members shall be provided in writing and made available to the Board's staff for review and response prior to presentation to the full Board.

The Board noted the personnel report for August 1982, and acknowledged a new staff person in Project Playpen, Ms. Quilla Bowens, Intake Counselor.

Mrs. Herman called attention to the Training Unit monthly update of planned activities.

The Board noted the current investment report and the report on transfers made during the month of August.

MOTION
Youth Homes of Florida

Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to allow Youth Homes of Florida to transfer up to $5,000 from lapse dollars in Plantation House for the line item of program director's salary, retroactive to July 1, 1982.
Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Barton seconded a motion which carried to allow Family Service Centers to utilize its staff which is currently placed at Enoch Davis Center to provide marriage and family counseling on a 50% time basis and family life education on a 50% time basis. This motion included the statement that the Board is very pleased that the agency has been able to render this service in an area in which it has been hard to render services in the past.

Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to fund Boys Village of San Antonio up to $63,791 in fiscal year 1982-83 at the per diem rate of $21.03 per day for up to 7 beds reserved for Pinellas County youth, and, in addition, to allow a per diem subsidy of $6.89 for up to four additional slots for Pinellas County youth.

Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to fund Catholic Social Services Foster Care for Special Needs Children up to $6,464 in fiscal year 1982-83 at the level requested for cost for care and subsistence and a portion of the costs for the salary and fringe for a foster care worker.

Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to fund Girls Club of Pinellas Park Youth Options Program up to $16,728 in fiscal year 1982-83, contingent with the agency resubmitting a refined application by the end of September 1982 limiting the scope of program activities to assessment, crisis counseling and referral.

Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to fund Mental Health Services of Upper Pinellas, Inc. Adolescent Day Treatment Program up to $112,166 in fiscal year 1982-83.

Mrs. Allen, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to fund Mental Health Services of Upper Pinellas, Inc. Children's Outpatient Program up to $287,100 in fiscal year 1982-83.

Mrs. Allen moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to fund Mental Health Services of Upper Pinellas, Inc. Therapeutic Preschool Program up to $35,251 in fiscal year 1982-83.

Mrs. Allen moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to fund Mental Health Services of South Pinellas (MHSSP) Children's Outpatient Program up to $204,354 in fiscal year 1982-83 and MHSSP Therapeutic Preschool Program up to $14,471 in fiscal year 1982-83.

Dr. Rose moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to fund Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services Primary Prevention Youth Alcohol Services up to $50,652 in fiscal year 1982-83. The motion included funding for this agency at 8% over the current allocation, where applicable. Where line items are less than 8% over the current allocation, funding will be as requested by the agency.

Commissioner Todd and Judge Page opposed this motion.
Judge Page moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to set aside the $83,324 requested by Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services Youth Alcohol Services Project for 1982-83 and hold that sum in abeyance while the Juvenile Welfare Board staff and the Project get back together to see what they can work out. If nothing can be worked out, this will be brought back to the Board for appropriate action.

Mrs. Byrkit, Dr. Rose, Dr. Harris, and Mrs. Allen opposed this motion.

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to direct that, in the future, if there is a service area where services are not provided nor funded by the Juvenile Welfare Board, the Board first instruct staff, on request of staff, to issue request for proposals for that service.

Judge Page suggested that the November regular board meeting would be an appropriate time for staff to report back to the Board on discussions with Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services regarding the Youth Alcohol Services Project.

Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to fund the Pinellas County License Board up to $480,191 in fiscal year 1982-83, with the recommendation that the program review its current staffing pattern to ensure maximum use of currently approved positions.

Dr. Harris opposed this motion.

Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to fund Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Citizens (UPARC) Early Intervention Program up to $100,844 in fiscal year 1982-83 and UPARC Therapeutic Preschool up to $57,286 in fiscal year 1982-83.

Because of the long list of children waiting to enter Eckerd Camps, Judge Page asked staff to take another look at that program to see if there were any Juvenile Welfare Board funds available, and, if so, to see if additional Camps beds were available.

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to instruct staff to research the concept of a center for emotionally disturbed youth and children, with the intent to issue a request for proposal.

Dr. Harris opposed this motion.

Commissioner Todd moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to transfer up to $1,430 from program development funds to provide printing of the Drug Education Workbook through Operation PAR's Prevention Program, effective September 1, 1982.

Dr. Harris opposed this motion.

Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to adopt the final 1982-83 Juvenile Welfare Board budget incorporating refinements and additions included in actions taken at this meeting.
MOTION

Approval of 1982-83 Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to approve the 1982-83 meeting schedule as amended to show October 7 and November 4 as regular meeting dates.

Mrs. Herman recommended that the Board Personnel Committee consisting of the officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary) meet very soon to consider the Acting Executive Director's evaluation and to make a recommendation to the full Board.

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

The suggestion presented by Mrs. Herman that the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Design could be addressed more fully by Mr. Michaels at one of the Board work sessions met with approval of the Board.

Commissioner Todd left the meeting.

Mrs. Herman called attention to the letter from Dr. Yarnall and the Children's Day report.

Mrs. Herman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be:

- September 9, 1982, 7:30 p.m. - public hearing;
- September 9, 1982, 8:00 p.m. - special meeting;
- September 16, 1982, 7:30 p.m. - public hearing;
- October 7, 1982, 9:30 a.m. - regular meeting.

Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary