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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - November 4, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Frances Byrkit, Vice Chairman; Dr. Calvin D. Harris, Secretary; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Judge Jack A. Page; Dr. Scott Rose; and Mrs. Jo Ann T. Welch. Also present: Dr. Frank Osanka, Executive Director; Mr. William M. Michaels, Deputy Director; Mrs. Mary Laura Broadwater, Executive Secretary; and Mr. Terry A. Smiljanich, Attorney at Law.

Mrs. Allen opened the meeting by asking Dr. Harris to offer the morning prayer.

Mrs. Allen asked that the minutes reflect that Board and staff participated in a dedication of the "Thank you to Mrs. Mailande Weems Barton" sculpture in the lobby just prior to this meeting.

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Herman moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 7, 1982.

Mr. Smiljanich updated the Board on the Edwards litigation, recent developments with mental health services, insurance for Board members, and autonomy for the three agencies involved (Marriage and Family Counseling Unit, the License Board, and Project Playpen).

Mrs. Allen noted the packet on the 35th Anniversary Celebration.

Mrs. Elithia Stanfield, Youth Services System Advisory Council (YSSAC) Coordinator, distributed the YSSAC program of work for 1982-83 and informed the Board of two community forums sponsored by YSSAC, which will be held November 16th and 23rd. Mrs. Stanfield then introduced Ms. Naomi Korn of the YSSAC Mental Health Committee who reported on the progress being made by that committee, which includes representatives from twenty organizations.

The Board noted the personnel report for October 1982, and welcomed a new staff person in the finance office, Ms. Linda Doran, data processor.

MOTION Approval to Acquire Computer Hardware, etc.

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to accept the Executive Director's recommendation to acquire new computer hardware and related software programs, to increase the half time data entry clerk position in the finance unit to full time, and to transfer $47,425 from Contingency to the Administration budget.

Mrs. Allen called attention to the Training Unit monthly update of planned activities and reminded the Board that there would be a work session on Training Unit activity on November 10th.

Mrs. Allen called attention to the reports on current investments and on agency transfers through the end of the fiscal year.

After discussion of uses for the Program Development and Contingency funds, the Board reached a consensus that the Board should adhere to the already established policy for Program Development funds. Mrs. Allen asked that a policy for the use of Contingency funds be explored in December.

MOTION Pinellas

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to allocate up to $64,969 from Contingency to cover the costs of the Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services Adolescent Substance Abuse Program.
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to allocate up to $16,728 to Girls Club of Pinellas Park, which amount is already included in the 1982-83 approved program budget.

Mrs. Terrye Bradley, Assistant Planning and Funding Consultant, reported that seven applications were received in response to a request for proposal for services in the southside of St. Petersburg. Staff chose to recommend two of these programs.

Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to allocate up to $64,976 from Program Development to cover the costs of the Juvenile Services Program Project Success.

Mrs. Herman moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to allocate up to $64,173 from Program Development to cover the costs of the Operation PAR Beta Project.

Dr. Rose moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to transfer $2,512.50 of the Pinellas Young Peoples Residential Treatment Home's Juvenile Welfare Board allocation from the Peer Counselor position to that of the Mental Health Technician to allow that position to be full time.

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to accept the revised Volunteer Action Center staffing pattern excluding the administrative assistant.

Dr. Harris opposed this motion.

Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to allocate up to $14,435 from Contingency to Youth Homes of Florida Plantation House to cover the cost of subsidizing 12 beds. This amount is based on a per diem rate of $28.33.

Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to allocate up to $13,607 with the proviso that a job description of the part-time person be included. It is recommended that this agency limit its program services to its existing sites until such time as it can stabilize its funding base.

Mrs. Allen and Dr. Rose opposed this motion.

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to amend the 1982-83 agreement with YWCA Project H.E.L.P. to provide up to $17,436 to cover the costs for salary and fringe for the Project Administrator's position, which is to be used as match for the federal grant.

Mrs. Herman moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to table the request from the YWCA to use the $42,903 remaining in its 1982-83 allocation for expansion of services to the northern portion of the County, pending staff's receipt and review of an application to expand the program to North County.

Dr. Rose opposed this motion.
MOTION

Beds for Disturbed Children

Judge Page moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried to allocate up to $93,160 beginning November 15, 1982 for four beds in two different institutions for emotionally disturbed children.

The Board consensus on the waiver of general conditions tabled at the October 7, 1982 meeting was that the Board authorize the Executive Director to waive any general condition when it does not apply to an agency by virtue of that agency's structure as long as the Board is notified of any such waiver.

Judge Page informed the Board that, because Juvenile Division caseloads have dropped and criminal caseloads have soared, the Juvenile Division Court now is a one-judge court, which means the Board is losing a member. Judge Page does not anticipate that this will change unless the laws change. This matter will be brought up again at the December meeting.

By general consent, the Board struck all the previously set work sessions for the present fiscal year. Work sessions will be set as needed.

Mrs. Allen asked for general consent for her to go ahead and develop a personal momento for Mrs. Mailande Barton, which would be attendant to the sculpture.

Mrs. Allen commented on seven points brought up at the Legislative Forum on which the Board might want to take a position. She asked that staff include some of these concepts in the packet for the December meeting, and at that time the Board could take whatever action on which the majority agrees.

With Board agreement, Mrs. Allen plans to set a work session on the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Design before the next regular meeting.

Dr. Osanka reported that a lot of his time during the last month has been spent with individual Board members, individual staff, and members of the community, and expressed gratitude for the support he has been receiving from staff.

The Board noted the activities of Community Services and the Public Relations Unit, and the media items.

Mr. Michaels discussed the reasons for following the Mental Health Center Feasibility Study schedule rather than trying to speed it up.

Mrs. Allen declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be:
November 10, 1982, 7:30 p.m. - work session;
December 9, 1982, 9:30 a.m. - regular meeting.

Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary