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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Work Session - November 10, 1982

PRESENT: Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Frances Byrkit, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Judge Jack A. Page; Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd; and Mrs. Jo Ann Welch. Also present: Dr. Frank Osanka, Executive Director; Mr. William M. Michaels; Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Assistant Director for Planning and Funding; and Mrs. Penny DeLacquesseaux, secretary for the Training Unit.

Mrs. Allen opened the meeting by referring to the information packet sent out by the Training Unit and Mr. Michaels. Dr. Osanka acted as secretary in the absence of Dr. Calvin D. Harris. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Michaels, who turned the floor over to Dr. R. J. Doody, Training Unit Consultant.

The Training Unit was represented by Dr. Doody, Ms. Paula Blessing (Assistant Training Consultant), Mrs. Virginia Scott (Training Assistant), and Mrs. Penny Delacquesseaux.

The Board and the Training Unit representatives discussed at length the history, progress, present status and plans for the future of the Training Unit.

The Training Unit activities were discussed in great detail. Commissioner Todd expressed the opinion that the Juvenile Welfare Board should not have to be defending their training - should possibly require certain types of training. Mrs. Welch stated that the Training staff was very, very professional, and that in the past, as a Health and Rehabilitative Services supervisor, she had often sent her staff in to the Juvenile Welfare Board for training - economically, agencies cannot supply the specialized training that the Juvenile Welfare Board staff can provide. Judge Page felt that there is no group of professionals that does not need continued training.

The Board members indicated that this meeting was called because they intend to look at every part of the Juvenile Welfare Board, and that they were particularly interested in whether Training is performing direct services, or not. Most of training is done for professionals; however, the Speakers Bureau (a secondary training responsibility) is conducted for the general public. The Speakers Bureau may be transferred back to the Public Relations Unit.

Continuing Education Unit credits for workshop/conferences attended were discussed as a possible direction for the Training Unit, as well as development of better understanding with other training agencies in the community, and the need for Board policies regarding the Training Unit.

The Board agreed that it wants to know ahead of time about conferences being planned, not after all arrangements have been made.

Dr. Osanka summarized the meeting and suggested that he would be unable to spend his full time on the reorganizational study if he has to continually prepare for unit reviews. Board consensus indicated that Dr. Osanka be allowed to develop the suggestions about the Training Unit, as he will the rest of the units, and make specific policy recommendations in the future.

Mrs. Allen announced that there would be a Board work session in December on the 1st or 2nd to deal with the Needs Assessment Design. She suggested that a letter be sent to Tallahassee indicating Board feelings on possible cuts in Health and Rehabilitative Services funds for children.

Mrs. Allen declared the meeting adjourned.



Frank Osanka, Ph.D., Acting Secretary