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PRESENT: Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Chairman; Dr. Calvin D. Harris, Secretary; Commissioner John Chesnut, Jr.; Mrs. Jo Ann Welch; and Judge Jack A. Page. Also present: Dr. Gus Sakkis, Interim Director; Mrs. Mary Laura Broadwater, Executive Secretary; and Mr. Terry A. Smiljanich, Attorney at Law.

Mrs. Allen called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Allen recognized the work of staff, and particularly that of Mrs. Ruby McPherson and Mr. Bill Antonelle, in the display of the proclamations and awards mounted on the walls of the Juvenile Welfare Board meeting room.

MOTION Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 9, 1983 as mailed.

Mrs. Allen commented that she is stating that votes are unanimous, because, this being a governmental body, all are required to vote. If at any time someone does not vote, he/she needs to let the chairman know so that the matter can be handled appropriately.

MOTION Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 1983 as mailed.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the workshop of March 29, 1983 as mailed.

Mr. Smiljanich updated the Board on the Edwards litigation, the Baker litigation, and on the imminent final accounting by the Foundation for Mental Health, including the transfer of a mortgage receivable to the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Mrs. Elithia Stanfield, Youth Services System Advisory Council (YSSAC) Coordinator, introduced Ms. Linda Stoller, a representative from Health and Rehabilitative Services to the YSSAC Day Care/Early Childhood Committee. Ms. Stoller reported on the goals and goal attainment of that committee.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Commissioner Chesnut seconded a motion which carried unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee to define autonomy as independence from the Juvenile Welfare Board within limits in continuation of current status of autonomy of agencies with some modification.

Dr. Harris, Chairman of the Search Committee, reported that the Committee has advertised for a new executive director, has set June 1 as the date on which finalists would be notified, has set interview dates, and has adopted a budget of $10,075. The Committee has set a number of anywhere from six to fifteen finalists to be submitted to the Board.

The Board noted the personnel report for March 1983 and welcomed two new staff persons, Mrs. Colette Antonelle (Secretary I in the License Board Food Program) and Mrs. Pauline Mallory (Clerk Typist II in Administration).

MOTION Dr. Harris moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried unanimously to adjust the minimum of step 30 of the salary schedule to the former 1983 Juvenile Welfare Board schedule - $9,722.59, and adjust the maximum to the former 1983 Juvenile Welfare Board schedule - $15,460.33.
Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried unanimously to accept the staff recommendation to: (1) remove the title of Research and Evaluation Consultant from exempt status and reduce the pay grade from 46 to 43; (2) change titles of Assistant Director to Director for units of Planning and Funding, Research and Evaluation, Training, and Administrative Services (removing acting status from Administrative Services and raising the paygrade from 45 to 46); and (3) change titles of: (a) Assistant Planning and Funding Consultant to Assistant Director for Planning and Funding (raising pay grade from 41 to 43); and (b) Research and Evaluation Consultant to Assistant Director for Research and Evaluation (reducing pay grade from 46 to 43).

The Board noted the current investment report, the March transfers, and the site audit reports.

Mr. Bill Hucinbothem, Director of Administrative Services, reviewed the Juvenile Welfare Board annual audit (fiscal year 1981/82) and the Affirmative Action update with the Board.

Mr. Smiljanich was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

Dr. Sakkis asked to pull from the agenda the request from FACE Learning Center, since there was some question as to whether this request was within Juvenile welfare Board policy.

The Board noted the reports from staff and the media items.

Mr. Carl Meisner, Director for Planning and Funding, gave a brief overview on the summaries of funding applications.

Mr. Will Michaels, Director for Research and Evaluation, and Mr. Barry Slaiman, Assistant Research and Evaluation Consultant, reported on the Annual Analysis of Performance Data.

Mrs. Welch moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried unanimously to endorse the recommendations of the Florida Supreme Court Matrimonial Law Commission as follow:

1. That all circuits adopt procedures requiring that all child support and periodic alimony payments be made into the county office for disbursement and should provide a means for automatic enforcement for the failure to pay either obligation.

2. That Section 61.12 (1), Florida Statutes (1981), be amended to provide that attachment and garnishment be allowed in connection with court judgments as well as court orders.

3. That judges, upon a finding of contempt for failure to pay support, consider alternatives to a sentence of only incarceration including voluntary and mandatory wage payment.

This motion also included support for related legislative measures necessary for implementation.

Dr. Sakkis reported that the Pinellas County/St. Petersburg Consortium had been allocated funds for the Summer Youth Employment Program, and that the Juvenile Welfare Board will participate in trying to place some of these people in work experience positions.

The Board noted the material regarding Girls Clubs merger negotiations, which item will be brought back at the May meeting.
Mr. Hicinbothem reported on the progress of the computer bid award.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried unanimously to purchase the demonstrated public address system or an equivalent one for approximately $1,250 (plus a jack to allow the recordings to be tied into the system) from Administration funds.

Dr. Sakkis called attention to the March 31, 1983 Budgetary Program Report.

The Board noted that the daily conference room utilization for the quarter had been 48 downcounty, 6 upcounty.

Mrs. Allen declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be: May 12, 1983, 9:30 a.m. - regular meeting.

Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary