JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD
Regular Meeting - May 12, 1983

PRESENT: Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Frances Byrkit, Vice Chairman; Dr. Calvin D. Harris, Secretary; Commissioner John Chesnut, Jr.; and Mrs. Helen W. Herman. 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.

MOTION
Minutes of April 4, 1983 Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting of April 4, 1983 as mailed.

MOTION
Minutes of April 14, 1983 Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 1983 as mailed.

Mr. Smiljanich updated the Board on the Edwards litigation and on the Baker litigation.

Mrs. Allen expressed appreciation to Mr. Smiljanich for the excellent services he has rendered to the Board since December 1981, and she also expressed appreciation for the contribution made by the law firm of Greene, Mann, Rowe, Stanton, Mastry & Burton in absorbing the reduced rate for Mr. Smiljanich's work.

MOTION
Attorney's Mrs. Herman moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried unanimously to continue with Mr. Smiljanich's contract as of this date, with the only change to be that the fee for general work would be raised to $75 per hour.

Mr. Smiljanich reported that he had not received a response to his letter in which he asked Dr. Frank Osanka to state whether or not he had any written material belonging to the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Mrs. Allen reported that the Policy Committee had met twice during the past month with the Youth Services System Advisory Council (YSSAC) group, and she expects some resolutions on the YSSAC situation to come forth at the next Juvenile Welfare Board meeting.

Mrs. Byrkit, Computer Committee Chairman, asked Mr. Bill Hicinbothem, Administrative Services Director, to speak on the recommendation for the computer system bid award.

MOTION
Approval to Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Computer Committee to purchase the Burroughs Corporation computer system outright from this fiscal year's lapsed funds.

Dr. Harris, Chairman of the Search Committee, reported that resumes postmarked by May 15, 1983 would be considered by the Search Committee, with at least six applicants, and possibly as many as fifteen, to be submitted to the full Board.

The Board noted the personnel report for April 1983.

MOTION
Approval of Overlap Period Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to allow the Planning and Funding unit to hire the replacement for the retiring Secretary I on May 19, 1983, which one-half month overlap will cost approximately $450, but will be more than offset by the salary difference between the retiring employee and the new employee.
The Board reviewed the current investment report and the site visit reports.

MOTION  
Girls Clubs of Pinellas County  
Commissioner Chesnut moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried unanimously to reject in total and with regret the request from Girls Clubs of Pinellas County for transfer of dollars to the executive director position and for interim funding of two new positions.

MOTION  
Approval of Recommendation on Autonomy Issue  
Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the staff recommendation to accept the specific criteria as printed (with a couple of minor changes as noted) for final closure on the question of autonomy for Project Playpen, Inc., Marriage and Family Counseling, Inc., and Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes.

Mrs. Byrkit opposed this motion.

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

The Board noted the staff reports and the media items.

Mr. Will Michaels (Director for Research and Evaluation) and Ms. Doris Burns (Research and Evaluation Assistant) briefed the Board on how the 75 applications staff had received for funding next year meet the Board-approved criteria for funding.

Mr. Carl Meisner, Director for Planning and Funding, gave a final report on girls clubs merger negotiations and concluded with a memorandum from the Planning and Funding unit recommending that the Juvenile Welfare Board and its staff refrain from further involvement in any merger discussions which may occur between the two subject agencies.

Ms. Lynn Blacklidge, Public Relations Specialist, presented Board members with the Juvenile Welfare Board annual report for fiscal year 1981-82, which was illustrated by children's art work from the Latchkey centers.

Dr. Sakkis called attention to the financial disclosure forms which had been enclosed for Board members' use and to the final position statement on the child support collection reform measure.

Commissioner Chesnut left the meeting.

Mr. Michaels reviewed the 4th Quarter Social Indicator Report with the Board.

Mrs. Allen declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be: June 9, 1983, 9:30 A.M. - regular meeting.

Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary