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Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting: 1983 : 11 : 10 : Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
PRESENT: Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Frances Byrkit, Vice Chairman; Commissioner John Chesnut, Jr.; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Judge Jack A. Page; Dr. Scott Rose; and Mrs. Jo Ann Welch. Also present: Mr. James E. Mills, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary Laura Broadwater, Executive Secretary; and Mr. Terry A. Smiljanich, Attorney at Law.

Mrs. Allen called the meeting to order. Mr. Mills served as secretary in the absence of Dr. Calvin D. Harris.

MOTION Approval of Minutes Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 1983 as mailed.

Mr. Smiljanich reported that he believed all points raised by the National Association of Social Workers had been satisfied. He also explained that the latest court ruling re Dr. Frank M. Osanka would have no impact on the actions taken earlier this year by the Board.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Smiljanich was free to leave, but chose to remain as a private citizen.

Mr. Mills gave a presentation on the proposed three-year funding projections, the Special Mental Health Needs Assessment, and the 1984/85 funding guidelines.

Mrs. Allen thanked Mr. Mills for his very comprehensive and excellent report and stated that there will be time on the December agenda for an in-depth discussion of the recommendations as presented by Mr. Mills.


The Board reviewed the current investment report, which now contains a budget/year-to-date comparison.

MOTION PARC Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously to deny the request from the Pinellas Association for Retarded Children for $28,645 (to open an additional classroom for high risk children presently waiting for service) on the basis of policy regarding contingency funds.

MOTION License Board Dr. Rose moved, and Commissioner Chesnut seconded a motion which carried unanimously to pay the Pinellas County License Board Assistant Director's leave reserve up to $10,351 from the Juvenile Welfare Board contingency fund, with the thought that this action is not precedent setting.

Mrs. Allen informed the Board that the request from the License Board to overlap people in the position of Assistant Director could be handled as an administrative matter since the funds had already been budgeted.

MOTION PYPRTH Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve transfer of funds for two slots from Pinellas Young Peoples Residential Treatment Homes (PYPRTH) Halfway House to PYPRTH Psychiatric Group Home, effective November 1, 1983 through December 31, 1983, and that the request for an increase in the rate of reimbursement be tabled pending review.
Judge Page, Dr. Rose, and Mr. Mills reported on their meeting with the Juvenile Justice Committee to discuss the proposed legislation to emancipate minors. Ms. Elithia Stanfield, Coordinator of the Youth Services Advisory Committees, reported that the Committee appreciated the Board members' participation in the meeting.

MOTION
Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried unanimously to allow staff to involve themselves and the Juvenile Welfare Board in the National Pilot Project on Child Safety as requested by Senator Paula Hawkins.

The Board noted the narrative report from the Executive Director, the site visit schedule, the Training Department update, and the media items.

Mrs. Allen called attention to the summary of the October Affirmative Action Committee meeting.

Ms. Stanfield called the Board's attention to the Legislative Workshop timetable in the packet and thanked Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Herman for their work with the Committee.

Mrs. Allen called attention to the revised Juvenile Welfare Board Decision Matrix and to a letter from Palm Beach County requesting copies of the 35th Annual Report of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Mrs. Allen declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be: December 8, 1983, 9:30 a.m. - regular meeting.

James E. Mills, Acting Secretary