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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting of December 10, 1987

PRESENT: Mrs. Jo Ann Welch, Chairperson; Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Vice-Chairperson; Dr. Frank Diamond, Jr., Secretary; Commissioner John Chesnut, Judge Jack Page, and Dr. Scott Rose. Also present were Mr. James E. Mills, Executive Director; and Mrs. Sandie Parnell, Executive Assistant.

Mrs. Welch called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MOTION Mrs. Allen moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried unani-
Approval mously to approve the agenda for the December 10, 1987, regular
of Agenda meeting.

MOTION Mrs. Allen moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried unani-
Approval mously to approve the minutes of the November 12, 1987, regular
of Minutes meeting.

The Board awarded a plaque for leadership in the chairmanship and a framed resolution (approved at the October, 1987, regular meeting) to former Board Member Mary Byrkit to honor her dedication to the Board during her six year term. A plaque was also awarded to the current Board Vice Chairperson, Mary Wyatt Allen, honoring her leadership in the Board's chairmanship in 1982-83 and 1983-84. Mrs. Byrkit accepted her service awards stating the pleasure she had experienced working with the Juvenile Welfare Board, as did Mrs. Allen.

MOTION Dr. Rose moved and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried unani-
JWB Pol. mously to approve the staff recommendation to continue the Board's
on Fund. current policy on funding public agencies; specifically, "Only
Taxing private, not-for-profit incorporated agencies or public agencies
Authorities shall be considered for funding by the Juvenile Welfare Board."
ties (See next item for further discussion.)

In connection with a request for funding from another taxing authority, Dr. Diamond requested that staff be directed to formulate a definition of the term "social development", in order that more specific guidelines be available for the Board in making funding decisions.

MOTION Dr. Rose moved and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried unani-
Capital mously to remove the capital allocation to the City of Gulfport request
Alloc./ from the table (tabled at the regular meeting of November 12, 1987).
City of Mrs. Allen then moved and Dr. Diamond seconded a motion for discussion
Gulfport to approve the staff recommendation to allocate \$1,254 from the FY
87-88 Capital Fund to the City of Gulfport Community Center Youth
Care Programs. After discussion and further information provided by
staff, Dr. Diamond moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried
unanimously to amend the original motion (Mrs. Allen accepted the
amendment) to state that taxing authorities are expected to fund
their own programs, particularly if they are not yet at their taxing
limits, unless a critical need developed after their budget was
acted upon, and that funding for this particular program would not
be provided by JWB next year under similar circumstances. Mrs. Allen
then moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried unanimously
to approve the original motion to allocate \$1,254 from the Capital
Fund to the City of Gulfport.

MOTION
Stepping
Stone -
Conting.

After further information was provided by staff and Mr. James Martin, Executive Director of Stepping Stone, Mrs. Allen moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve staff recommendations to:

- A. Allocate \$11,697 from One-Time-Only (OTO) Needs Assessment Transitional funds to the Stepping Stone, Inc. Oasis Program to enable the program to operate through the end of the current school semester.
- B. Schedule the agency to address the Board at the January 14, 1988, meeting to present a definitive merger plan with another service provider. Such a plan should include a timetable for implementation, reflect major budgetary reductions in the cost of operating the program, and an identification of any OTO costs associated with the proposed merger.
- C. Authorize staff to withhold issuance of approved JWB capital funding until the continued long term operation of the program can be assured.

As a result of information provided by staff and Mr. Martin regarding a pending planned program change by Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP), Mrs. Allen moved and Dr. Diamond seconded a motion which carried unanimously to direct staff to form a resolution to be sent to appropriate parties expressing the Board's dismay at the possibility that funds would be depleted or unavailable for juvenile delinquency prevention services. Dr. Diamond noted that the Board should be utilizing political avenues to heighten awareness of this problem. Dr. Rose added that the Board should clearly define its concern as that of the possibility of shifting priorities from prevention to "treatment" of juvenile delinquency, realizing that those in need of treatment must receive services, but that the depletion of prevention funds would only result in higher treatment costs later.

Mrs. Welch requested that staff draft a letter on the Board's behalf to JJDP expressing its displeasure at Stepping Stone being denied funding and the manner in which the application had been handled. The Board agreed that this would be an appropriate measure.

MOTION
Stepping
Stone -
Request
for Waiver

Dr. Rose moved and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve a staff recommendation to grant a waiver of JWB General Condition #15 as it applies to the Executive Director of Stepping Stone, Inc. to allow Mr. Martin to serve on the agency's Board of Directors.

MOTION
Adol.
Preg.
Comm.Ed.
Campaign

After further information was provided by staff, Mrs. Allen moved and Dr. Diamond seconded for discussion the staff recommendation to accept the Family Service Centers' proposal with revisions of the goals and measurable objectives, budget, volunteers and the advisory committee sections. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION
Legis.
Issue/
Resident
Group Care

After further information was provided by staff, Mrs. Allen moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve a staff recommendation to return the issue of residential group care to the Board in January with more specific legislative recommendations, if appropriate.

MOTION
Program
Change
Request-
MHSUP

Mrs. Allen moved and Dr. Diamond seconded for discussion a motion to approve a staff recommendation to approve Mental Health Services of Upper Pinellas' request to redirect the program from the Safety Harbor Therapeutic Preschool to other preschool programs in the north county area. Further information was provided by the agency's Executive Director, Thomas Riggs, and the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

MOTION
Proj.
Playpen
Budget
Expansion

Mrs. Allen moved and Dr. Rose seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve a staff recommendation to authorize an increase of \$97,143 in Project Playpen's budget to reflect \$85,000 in additional revenues received from HRS and \$12,143 in additional match funds to be secured from other miscellaneous sources at a future date, and to authorize the establishment of an additional secretary I position.

MOTION
ILAP
Transi-
tional
Funds

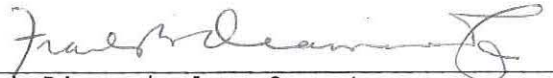
After further information was provided by staff, Mrs. Allen moved and Dr. Diamond seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the staff recommendation to allocate \$10,014 from OTO Needs Assessment Transitional Funds to the HRS District V Intensive Learning Alternatives Program (ILAP) to support operation of the program for the period of January 4, 1988 - June 14, 1988. No future funding should be considered unless this position is included in either the 1987-88 Pinellas County School Board or HRS budgets.

The Board then received several informational reports including the Personnel, Financial and Executive Director's Reports for November, 1987, the Site Visit Schedule/Summary and media items.

Mrs. Welch extended best wishes to everyone for a joyous holiday season, and Commissioner Chesnut noted that since this would probably be his last JWB meeting due to his vacating the vice chair of the Commission, he wanted to take the opportunity to let the rest of the Board and the staff of JWB know of his pleasure in working with them the past year, commending the Board members on their dedication and the staff members on their professionalism.

Mrs. Allen moved and Dr. Diamond seconded a motion which carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of JWB is January 14, 1988, at 9:00 a.m.



Frank Diamond, Jr., Secretary