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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD
Regular Meeting of December 18, 1986

PRESENT: Dr. Calvin D. Harris, Chairman; Mrs. Jo Ann Welch, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Secretary; Dr. Frank B. Diamond, Jr.; and Commissioner George Greer. Also Present: Mr. James E. Mills, Executive Director; and Mrs. Sandie Parnell, Executive Assistant.

Dr. Harris called the meeting to order.

- MOTION Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which
Approval of carried unanimously, to approve the agenda.
Agenda
- MOTION Commissioner Greer moved, and Dr. Diamond seconded a motion
Approval of which carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the
Minutes Regular Meeting of November 13, 1986, 1986.
- MOTION Mrs. Welch moved, and Dr. Diamond seconded a motion which
Capital carried unanimously, to approve the following amounts from
Grants the capital fund for the purchase of IBM-PCXT or IBM compa-
Completion tible PCXT computer systems: Carlton Manor, \$1,500; Stepping
Stone, Inc. - Oasis Program, \$1,943; and YWCA - Project HELP,
\$1,943. This recommendation was approved after some dis-
cussion and additional information provided by the staff.
Dr. Diamond requested that the Board be provided with a
follow-up report on the utilization of the computer systems
by these agencies.
- MOTION Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Greer seconded a motion
MHSSP Request which carried unanimously, to approve a transfer of \$20,765
for Supple- in one-time-only funds from the Contingency Fund to the
mental Research & Demonstration Fund, and then to allocate \$20,765
Funding in one-time-only funds from the Research & Demonstration
Fund to the Mental Health Services of South Pinellas Early
Intervention Project to provide services to children of
chronically mentally ill parents.
- MOTION Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which
Contingency carried unanimously, to approve the allocation of \$12,653
Request in one-time-only funds from the contingency fund to Alter-
from AHS native Human Services Youth & Family Connection to allow for
transfer of HRS funds into a one-time-only capital improve-
ment project, and provide JWB funds to support a Family
Counselor II position and related expenses for the period
January 1, 1987 - June, 1987; and to adjust JWB program
objectives as appropriate.
- MOTION Mrs. Allen moved, and Dr. Diamond seconded a motion which
Acceptance carried unanimously to approve the acceptance of the Gannett
of Grant/ Foundation grant for \$2,500 to assist in the production of a
Gannett new slide presentation for JWB.
Foundation
- MOTION Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which
JWB 40th carried unanimously to approve continued organizational
Birthday activity for a 40th Birthday luncheon and related public
Celebration information activities, and a future request from the con-

tingency fund for up to \$2,050 to defray costs of same.

MOTION
Match. Funds
Fed. Discre-
tionary Grant
for Bonding
Homes

Mrs. Welch moved, and Dr. Diamond seconded a motion to approve an allocation of \$25,000 from the FY 1986-87 Needs Assessment Implementation Fund (OIO funds) to the Young Women's Residence to provide match support for a federal grant. YWR is proposing to establish a group home that will provide interim residential care for single teenage mothers and their infants with the primary goal being to prevent and/or intervene in child abuse and neglect by promoting the acquisition of good parenting skills. Mrs. Allen abstained from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest arising from her position on the Board of YWR. The motion carried with four ayes and one abstention. A copy of Mrs. Allen's Conflict of Interest form is attached to the minutes.

MOTION
Cooperative
Shelter
Care Pro-
posal

Mrs. Welch moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried unanimously to open this item for discussion. The Board discussed at length a proposal to overcome the shortage of placement resources by reducing the number of children requiring shelter placement. The most immediate way to implement this strategy is to design services which allow the child identified as a candidate for shelter care placement to safely remain in his/her home. The 4½ year program would be funded jointly by JWB and HRS. The Board had several concerns with the proposal which included a 60-day timeframe for the staff to bring back a more complete proposal to the Board. The Board felt that at least 90 days would be needed to properly develop the proposal. Mrs. Allen moved, and Commissioner Greer seconded a motion to amend the recommendation by striking the 60-day timeframe and substituting a 90-day timeframe. The motion carried unanimously. Other concerns of the Board included risk of injury to a child who was not removed from the home, no guarantee of future state budgetary support, current HRS administration in transition, high training requirements for HRS intake workers and team members, and the reduction of JWB fiscal flexibility with multi-year commitment. One major concern of the Board was the age of the children who would be participating in this program. It was felt that very young children who are not able to verbally express their feelings and situation would not be good candidates for the program, and that some type of age limitation should be incorporated into the completed proposal. It was also requested that proposals for strengthening existing foster/shelter care be prepared concurrently. It was also urged that the Child Protection Team be actively involved in the planning. The Board expressed a desire to become actively involved in the planning and discussions surrounding this proposal, with a specific request that the feasibility of a control group be established and a research component included.

Mrs. Welch moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the proposal in concept and authorize the staff to develop a full scale plan to be returned to the Board within 90 days.

Before review of the informational items, Mr. Mills noted that the staff is tracking the move for the creation of another children's hospital at the University of South Florida in Tampa for possible Board action. Mrs. Allen stated

that she felt JWB should make a very strong statement regarding this item and requested it to be placed on the agenda for the January Board meeting.

The Board received a verbal update from Browning Spence on the proposed merger between Family Service Centers and Project Rainbow and a verbal report to accompany material provided to the Board regarding the Data Base. The Board received copies of the Affirmative Action Report, a Summary of Workshop Activity, the Compliance Report for Funded Agencies, the Brief Application for New & Expanded Funding, Personnel Report for November, 1986, Financial Report for November, 1986, the Narrative Report for November, 1986, Site Visit Summaries and Media Items.

MOTION Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which Approval to carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.
Adjourn

The next regular meeting of JWB is scheduled for January 8, 1987 at 9:00 a.m.


Mary Wyatt Allen, Secretary