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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY
Regular Meeting of May 10, 1990
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Present: Frank B. Diamond, Jr., M.D., Chairperson; Jo Ann Welch, Secretary; Commissioner George Greer; Dr. Scott Rose; Mr. Charles A. Felton; James E. Mills, Executive Director; Amy Daly, Executive Assistant; Luis Prats, Board Counsel

Dr. Diamond called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MOTION
Approve
Agenda

Mr. Mills requested that one addition be made to the agenda, Item II D. - HRS Initiated Amendment to JWB Statute and that the order be changed to: Item II C - Referendum on Increased Taxing Authority; Item II D - HRS Initiated Amendment to JWB Statute; Item II A - HRS Group Home--Follow-up; and Item II B - Renovations - North County Service Center. Commission Greer moved and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION
Approve
Minutes

Mrs. Welch moved and Mr. Felton seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 12, 1990 regular meeting.

Following comments and suggestions from the Board which included contacting the billboard industry and an advertising agency; and a letter from Thomas R. Moriarty, Vice Chairperson, which was read into the record, a vote was taken.

MOTION
Referendum

Mr. Felton moved and Commissioner Greer seconded a motion which carried unanimously to commit to a September, 1990 referendum to raise the JWB ultimate taxing authority from .5 to 1.0 mil; notify the Supervisor of Elections and undertake all necessary legal and procedural steps necessary to bring the question to referendum; and to undertake, consistent with Florida Statutes, public education activities and the organization of a separate community support organization for passage of the referendum.

Following a presentation by Michael Becker, District Administrator of Health and Rehabilitative Services who had requested HRS representation on the Juvenile Welfare Board to members of the Pinellas Legislative Delegation and questions and comments from the Board, a vote was taken.

MOTION
HRS Initiated
Amendment to JWB
Statute

Mr. Felton moved and Commissioner Greer seconded a motion which carried unanimously to oppose any revisions to the JWB Statute and communicate that interest to the Legislative Delegation; and request the HRS District Administrator to specifically identify any coordination or service integration issues of concern so they may be appropriately addressed by the JWB Staff and Board.

It was suggested that Mr. Mills take a leadership role in convening regularly scheduled meetings between JWB and HRS and that our feelings on the HRS initiated amendment to the JWB Statute be articulated to the Legislative Delegation.

Prior to a vote, Ms. Susan Randall, Acting Program Administrator for CYF, District V, addressed the Board. Following questions from Board members to both staff and Ms. Randall on the issues of the lap top computer recommendation and whether to continue counseling services through September 1990 instead of June 1990, a motion was made.

MOTION

HRS Group
Home Follow-up

Mrs. Welch moved and Commissioner Greer seconded a motion which carried unanimously to allocate \$18,000 of lapsed Group Home monies to HRS for lap top computers for one protective investigation unit requiring that HRS conduct a research project to validate the effectiveness of using this technology in this setting as originally requested during the JWB equipment and renovation funding cycle; to allocate \$10,000 of lapsed HRS Group Home monies to HRS to continue their contractual relationship with Mr. Richard Ippolito to provide mental health services to and consultation for Group Home clients through September, 1990; and to direct staff to review program needs and develop a proposal for utilization of the funds formerly allocated for the HRS Group Home Program and include \$292,283 in the FY 90/91 budget for a Request for Proposal.

In response to inquiries from the Board, it was noted that the additional \$6000 recommended by the board for the continuation of contractual services by Mr. Richard Ippolito through September, 1990 will come from lapsed dollars and that ownership of the lap computers would revert to JWB should the HRS program for their use not be successful.

MOTION

Renovations-
N. County
Serv. Ctr.

Commissioner Greer moved and Mr. Felton seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the transfer of \$1,467 from equipment to remodeling and preparation; and to install a sound-absorbing baffle between the ceiling and roof and replace the stained carpet.

The Board received a progress report on the Administrative Support Series after which Mary Cross, Vice Chairman of the Public Policy Committee addressed the Board concerning proposed budget cuts by the City of St. Petersburg. Stephanie Judd presented the Performance Analysis for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 1989 to the Board and thanked her staff for all of their efforts. Dr. Diamond expressed the Board's appreciation to both Mrs. Judd and her staff. Commissioner Greer suggested that copies of the Performance Analysis be made available to the media. Preliminary reports on research and demonstration projects were presented to the Board on Family Services Center's Youth Sex Offender Program by Joan McCluney, Jean Bockstahler and Doug Huenergardt; and Pinellas Emergency Mental Health Services' Juvenile Detention Center Research Project by Annette Patterson. The Board also received the Personnel Report for April, 1990; the Financial Report for April, 1990; Site Visit Summaries; Staff Development and Training; and Media Items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Welch, Secretary

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May 7, 1990

Dr. Frank B. Diamond, Jr., Chairman
Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
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Dear Dr. Diamond:

For the record, I wish to take this opportunity to briefly express my strong desire as a Board Member to go forward with the referendum issue this fall.

For 45 years, the Board has managed to serve the children of Pinellas County within the taxing authority set forth by its founders despite a growing population and a society with ever changing and more complex problems. It is my belief that the needs of the children in our community, whether it be for cocaine babies, day-care, mental health, juvenile justice, etc., should not be jeopardized by any lack of foresight by this Board to again fiscally plan for their future.

Although I am unable to vote on this matter because I will be out of town on May 10th, I fully endorse the referendum issue so that the well being of all children and future children of Pinellas County can best be served.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Moriarty