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**JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY**  
**Regular Meeting of June 10, 2004**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cecilia Burke, Chair; Janet Caramello, Secretary; Dr. J. Howard Hinesley (left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.); Bernie McCabe; Van Sayler; Joseph A. Smith; Judge Irene Sullivan; Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch; James E. Mills, Executive Director; Amy Daly, Executive Assistant

**Absent:** John Milford, Vice Chair; Bob Dillinger; Sandra Faulkner; Terry Smiljanich, Board Counsel

Ms. Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**AGENDA** Ms. Burke noted Board requested changes in the agenda as follows: Action items to precede Presentations, Action Item III. C. – Arts Council/Program Disposition to become Action Item III. A. and moving remaining Action items to follow the new Item III. A.

**Motion:** Commissioner Welch moved and Dr. Hinesley seconded a motion to approve the agenda for the June 10, 2004 regular meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES** Commissioner Welch moved and Dr. Hinesley seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the May 13, 2004 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Burke apologized for not attending the Executive Committee meeting and noted the minutes. Ms. Burke requested a moment of silence in memory of President Reagan.

**ACTION:**

**Arts Council-Program Disposition** During discussion of Arts Council request to transfer their contact, Dr. Bill Heller, representing both the Arts Council and Family Resources, Inc. (FRI) boards; Angelo Cappelli, also representing both organizations; Judith Power-Jones, Pinellas County Arts Council; and Jane Harper, Family Resources, Inc. spoke in support of the transfer. Mr. Mills noted the memorandum from Mr. Smiljanich. Questions and concerns from the Board included why the mission of the Arts Council has changed from when they were first awarded the contract; the belief that the Arts Council should continue the program; how FRI was selected; how a subcontract

would work; a need to establish written conditions to the contract that would maintain current service levels and continue no administrative cost rate for managing the program and whether action to award the contract to FRI established a precedence for sole source awards. A request was made to provide an annual tally of sole source contracts. Interest was expressed in continuing to offer an arts program in Midtown.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Hinesley and seconded by Judge Sullivan to transfer the contract with the Pinellas County Arts Council on October 1, 2004 to Family Resources, Inc. with the condition that there be no additional administrative costs and include in the contract a letter of understanding between the boards of the two organizations stating the Arts Council will continue its role in the program and provide technical assistance, that there be no diminution of services and a goal toward expansion of services. The motion passed unanimously.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$255,000 will be in the 2004-05 budget for transfer of the contract from the Pinellas County Arts Council to Family Resources, Inc.

**JWB Technology Policies** A motion was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Commissioner Welch to approve the revised JWB Technology Policies. The motion passed unanimously.

**CBC Allocation** A motion was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Commissioner Welch to allocate \$112,088 to the Sarasota YMCA (lead agency) on a dollar for dollar basis for transitional costs related to the assumption of the Pasco-Pinellas Community Based Care contract of Family Continuity by the YMCA. The motion passed unanimously.

**Fiscal Impact:** The original \$500,00 allocation will be reduced from its current \$400,000 by \$112,088 to \$287,912.

In response to a question by Mr. McCabe, Mr. Mills indicated there would be additional requests for funds.

**USF Collaborative Research Award-Early Childhood Assessment Tool** In response to questions/comments from the Board prior to a motion, Mari T. Fernandez, Associate Director/Coordinator of Clinical and Outreach Programs and staff, noted that the assessments were being done throughout the state and the information derived from the research would be shared with other communities.

**Motion**

A motion was made by Mr. Saylor and seconded by Commissioner Welch to allocate up to \$3,750 to the USF Collaborative for Children, Families and communities in FY 2003-04 and budget \$11,250 in FY 2004-05 for the one-year project entitled, "Early Childhood Assessment Tool Study." The motion passed unanimously.

**Fiscal Impact:** The FY 2003-04 Research Unallocated USF Collaborative Faculty Grant Fund would be reduced by \$3,750 from \$10,000 to \$6,250. The FY 2004-05 Research Allocated USF Collaborative Faculty Grant Fund Budget would include \$11,250 for this project.

**PRESENTATION**  
**Healthy Families**  
**Pinellas**

Dr. Carnot Nelson, USF, provided an overview of the Final Ten-Year Evaluation of Healthy Families Pinellas. In response to Mr. McCabe's question, Mr. Mills indicated that long-term plans for the program include continuation of the services and thanked all the agencies and staff involved with the success of Healthy Families Pinellas. Ray Hensley, Healthy Families Pinellas, noted the program had received the Southeast award for the best collaborative effort in the country from the Child Welfare League of America. Mr. Hensley noted that although services are countywide, caps might exist temporarily in some cases.

**BOARD DISCUSSION****Youth & Sexual**  
**Activity Task**  
**Force**

The Board discussed the concept paper which included a number of issues, goals, messages and strategies. The discussion focused primarily on the focus of the message to be delivered. It was suggested that the goal of reducing sexual activity among minors be added under the issue "Youth are engaging in too many risk taking behaviors that put their future at risk." Ms. Burke noted that JWB funds programs that provide information on pregnancy prevention/contraception but none solely based on a message of abstinence. Commissioner Welch requested a list of the programs currently funded that address pregnancy prevention. Commissioner Welch shared that the reality of the situation indicated a need to provide resource options to parents and youth. Ms. Burke explained that the goal of reduction of sexual activity would have two tracks of information for parents and youth to access. One track would provide information on abstinence only and the other track would provide information on contraception. She suggested Focus on the Family as one resource for

information. Additional discussion centered on the need to promote a consistent message over the five-year plan, a means for measuring the campaign and suggestions to seek in-kind contributions for conveying the message such as articles to smaller newspapers and release of PSA's and a desire to use existing JWB staff for the campaign. It was clarified that JWB staff would take the lead in the development of the plan and dissemination of the message/information, using outside resources when necessary. Judge Sullivan withdrew her suggestion to include pregnancy prevention with the additional strategy of the added inclusion of a focus on reduction of sexual activity.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Judge Sullivan and seconded by Mr. McCabe to adopt in principle the proposed concept paper developed by the Youth and Sexual Activity Task Force with the addition of a third goal, "Reduce sex activity among minors" and to include, "Focus on reduction of sexual activity" under Strategy 2. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ageing Out of Foster Care- Sarasota YMCA**

Due to the length of the meeting, the Board Discussion on Ageing Out of Foster Care was moved to the July meeting; however, Christy Kane of the Sarasota YMCA introduced Ed McBride, Sr. Project Manager, who provided information on the progress of the Community Based Care contract. Mr. McBride thanked the Board for the start-up funds and assured open communication as the transfer of the contract continues. Mr. McCabe requested information on the intent of the Sheriff's office to move into the new offices at Honeywell.

**PRESENTATION**

**Fiscal Year 2004-05 Budget**

The Board was presented with the Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget, which is scheduled for discussion at the June 17 Budget Workshop.

**INFORMATION**

Discussion during the Information portion of the meeting centered on pending issues including revisions of the policy manual (scheduled for December, 2004), agency executive steering committee (scheduled for the Fall, 2004), the agency survey which was shared at the Executive Committee meeting, the transition plan (noted as part of year two in Mr. Mills work plan for his two-year contract) and restructuring of JWB Committees (the evaluation process is underway). Ms. Burke commented on the article and diversity calendar in the *JWBee* noting

inclusion of Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, requested a copy of JWB's Diversity and Affirmative Action Plans and addressed the issue of a lawsuit against AT&T by an employee surrounding the issue of sexual orientation. Ms. Burke suggested eliminating the word "value" when promoting diversity.

**OPEN AGENDA**

During the Open Agenda portion of the meeting, Bilal Habeeb-Ullah, Director, African-American Leadership, invited the Board to an upcoming banquet honoring his organization's youth executive leadership group.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Caramello  
Secretary