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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY
Regular Meeting of July 8, 2004
MINUTES

Present: Cecilia Burke, Chair; John Milford, Vice Chair; Janet Caramello, Secretary; Bob Dillinger; Sandra Faulkner; Bernie McCabe (left meeting prior to Board Discussion portion); Van Saylor; Judge Irene Sullivan (left meeting at 10:15 p.m.); Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch; Terry Smiljanich, Board Counsel; James E. Mills, Executive Director; Amy Daly, Executive Assistant

Absent: Dr. J. Howard Hinesley, Joseph A. Smith

Ms. Burke called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA Following an announcement by staff that the agenda had been amended to include the Action Item III. E. – Tier II Evaluation Funding, a motion was made by Mr. Milford and seconded by Mr. Saylor to approve the agenda for the July 8, 2004 regular meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES A motion was made by Commissioner Welch and seconded by Mr. Saylor to approve the minutes for the June 10, 2004 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no Executive Committee actions.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Linda Tamanini, Director, Pinellas County License Board, was recognized for twenty years of service.

ACTION

FY 04-05 Budget Following appreciation to the Board for serving on the Budget Committee and noting the increase in property valuation, a motion was made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Welch and seconded by Mr. Saylor to 1) approve the millage rate for FY 04-05 of 0.8117; 2) approve the FY 04-05 Program Budget of \$39,147,743 and special conditions; 3) approve the FY 04-05 Administration Operations Budget of \$4,323,809 and the Contract and Grants Budget of \$911,954; 4) continue to authorize staff to transfer up to \$2,000,000 in Coordinated Child Care-LIEF funding to the Child Care Purchasing Pool; 5) approve the FY 04-05 Non-Operating Budget

of \$4,999,624 and approve the proposed salary and classification plan. The motion passed unanimously.

**Gender
Specific
RFP-Girls**

Prior to a motion, questions/comment from Mr. Dillinger and Ms. Burke, the Board representatives to the review panel, related to the staff recommendation and to Commissioner Welch's question concerning which aspects of the recommended program caused concern. These questions/comments included a suggestion to solicit suggestions for a gender specific program for girls similar to the method for the Gender Specific-Boys Concept Paper approach, review the responses and then reissue the RFP with new criteria. Ms. Burke expressed her concern that the YWCA did not include tangible projects/products involving the program participants in their proposal. Additional questions/comment included why there were only two applicants and whether the amount of proposed funding played a role in that result; the lack of programs in the areas of Oldsmar, Tarpon Springs and Safety Harbor; and possible consideration of allocating smaller amounts of funding to more organizations such as Neighborhood Family Centers. In response to Mr. Dillinger's question about the failure of the Girls, Inc. program, Dr. Spence noted that Girls, Inc. difficulty was with not administering the nationally recognized curriculum of the program correctly. Additional discussion centered on the requirement in all RFP's that respondents must demonstrate ability to deliver proposed services and a timeline should the Board decide to reissue the RFP. Ms. Peggy Sanchez-Mills, Executive Director of the YWCA of Tampa Bay, addressed the Board, indicating the program was a joint effort of the YWCA and the Girl Scouts and not a replication of the Girls' Inc. program. As well, she noted the current program brought services back to the Midtown area and expressed concern over the RFP process. In response to Judge Sullivan's suggestion to continue the program for a year and then review and Commissioner Welch's noting that the program should continue to be funded, a motion was made.

Motion:

A motion was made by Commissioner Welch and seconded by Judge Sullivan, which carried by majority, to allocate up to \$259,067 for the YWCA of Tampa Bay-Y Girls Program effective October 1, 2004 for Fiscal Year 2004-05, review the program at the conclusion of the year and work with staff on creating a new RFP. Voting, "Yes," Judge Sullivan, Commissioner Welch, Ms. Burke, Mr. Milford, Mr. Dillinger, Mr. McCabe. Voting, "No," Ms. Caramello, Ms. Faulkner. Abstaining due to a conflict of interest arising on his wife serving on the YWCA Foundation, Mr. Saylor.

Fiscal Impact: The FY 04-05 budget contains funds for this RFP.

Gender Specific RFP-Boys A motion was made by Commissioner Welch and seconded by Ms. Caramello to authorize the submission of five full applications for JWB funding from Pinellas County Health Department, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club of the Suncoast, Alpha Institute, and the Neighborhood Family Coalition and allocate up to \$14,800 for planning as follows: Pinellas County Health Department (\$4100), Big Brothers/Big Sisters (\$4100), Boys and Girls Club (\$4100); Alpha Institute (\$2500). The Neighborhood Family Center Coalition did not request funding for planning. The motion passed unanimously. Judge Sullivan and Commissioner Welch agreed to serve as Board representatives on the review panel.

Fiscal Impact: The Community Contingency budget for FY 03-04 would decrease from \$110,536 to \$95,736.

Alpha – “A Beginning” Following questions and comment from the Board to staff and Diane Gerber, Alpha – “A Beginning” including the reasons for the staff recommendation to deny the request for funds, clarification of the ASSET process, why the emergency shelter was closed and the pros and cons of small and large agencies, a motion was made.

A motion was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Mr. Dillinger, which carried by majority, to allocate \$80,000 in FY 2004-05 to Alpha – “A Beginning” for residential services. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Caramello, Mr. Milford, Mr. Dillinger, Ms. Faulkner, Mr. McCabe, and Commissioner Welch. Voting “No,” Mr. Saylor.

Fiscal Impact: The FY 2004-05 Community Contingency Fund would be reduced by \$80,000 from \$450,000 to \$370,000.

Web Based Social Indicators A motion was made by Commissioner Welch and seconded by Mr. Milford to allocate up to \$12,500 (\$25,000 annualized) to Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (Information Systems) for the development of a community social indicator and resource website. The motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Impact: Non-operating technology would be reduced by \$12,500 from \$50,000 to \$37,500. \$25,000 would be contained in the FY 04-05 budget for Research Allocated.

Community Based Care Prior to a motion, Ed McBride, Sarasota YMCA, provided an update on the move to the Honeywell facility and responded affirmatively to Board suggestion for an ombudsman. In response to Mr. McCabe’s question, Mr. McBride indicated discussions with the sheriff’s office concerning their move to the Honeywell facility were continuing.

A motion was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Mr. Saylor to allocate up to \$287,912 remaining of the \$500,000 of JWB funds for CBC transitional costs as follows: Sarasota Family YMCA, \$255,112; Salvation Army Sally House, \$7,800; Florida Coalition for Children, \$25,000, contingent upon the Coalition raising at least \$250,000 from other sources. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Impact: All funds appropriated for transitional costs will be allocated. All expenditures were for non-recurring expenses, and those funds will not be required in 2004-05. The CBC Transition Fund would be reduced \$287,088 to \$0. The budget for the Sarasota Family YMCA CBC Transition would increase from \$212,088 to \$467,200. The budget for the Florida Coalition for Children would increase from \$0 to \$25,000. The budget for the Salvation Army Sally House would increase from \$0 to \$7,800.

Tobacco Coalition

A motion was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Mr. Saylor to extend the current contract end-date for the Tobacco-Free Coalition program from June 30, 2004 to September 30, 2004. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Impact: This action will enable the Tobacco-Free Coalition to utilize approximately \$22,700 of allocated funding for upcoming anti-tobacco coalition expenses.

Safe Start Tier II Evaluation Funding

A motion was made by Mr. Saylor and seconded by Commissioner Welch to 1) approve the acceptance in FY 03-04 of an additional \$45,665 in federal funds, through a subcontract with the Association for Study and Development of Community, to enhance the local evaluation of Pinellas Safe Start and participate in the Tier II national evaluation from FY 03-04 through FY 04-05; 2) Approve, subject to final approval of OJJDP, allocation and budgeting to Ounce of Prevention as follows: a) increase the allocation of federal funds by up to \$15,000 in FY 03-04 from \$67,000 to \$82,000; budget up to \$87,665 (\$67,000 already planned plus up to \$20,665 from the additional award) in federal funds for continued local and Tier II evaluation in FY 04-05; c) budget up to \$15,583 (\$5,583 already planned plus up to \$10,000 from the additional award) in federal funds for continued local and Tier II evaluation in FY 05-06. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Impact: The approved FY 03-04 Safe Start budget will be increased from \$1,109,249 to \$1,154,914.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Healthy Kids

Mr. John Hamerlinck, Healthy Kids Pinellas, provided an updated to the Board and requested \$50,996 to insure that the current 329 non-title XXI children are not dis-enrolled from the program. Prior to a motion the Board expressed concern about the lack of fund-raising activities and timely approach to the Board.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Dillinger and seconded by Mr. Milford to allocate \$50,996 in match money for the State Fiscal Year 2004-05. The motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Impact: The 2003-04 One-Time-Only Community Contingency Budget will be reduced by \$12,750 and the 2004-05 One-time-Only Community Contingency Budget will be reduced by \$38,246.

Additional Board discussion included the timing of action on the funding of an ombudsman for Community Based Care and Mr. Dillinger's noting the JDC staff had expressed an interest in coming before the Board to request funding. Mr. Mills noted that a plan for funding was scheduled to be brought to the September meeting. Ms. Burke underscored the need to analyze data on the gender specific-girls program. Commissioner Welch complimented the staff on the FY 2004-05 budget document.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Caramello, Secretary