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BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019 AT 9:00 AM

JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD
14155 58TH STREET NORTH
EDMONDS NERI CONFERENCE ROOM
CLEARWATER, FL 33760

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Susan Rolston, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Judge Patrice Moore.

Mrs. Rolston announced she was changing the order of the agenda items.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Brian Aungst, Jr. | Board Chair | Present |
| Susan Rolston | Board Vice Chair | Present |
| Rick Butler | Board Secretary | Present |
| Bob Dillinger | Public Defender | Present |
| Michael Grego | Superintendent | Present |
| Bernie McCabe | State Attorney | Absent |
| Michael Mikurak | Board Member | Present |
| James Millican | Board Member | Absent |
| Patrice Moore | Sixth Judicial Court Judge | Present |
| Karen Seel | Pinellas County Commissioner | Present |
| James Sewell | Board Member | Present |

II. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approve Board Minutes for September 23, 2019
- B. Accept Financial Report for September and October 2019
- C. Approve Minutes for September 9, 2019 First TRIM Hearing
- D. Approve Minutes for September 23, 2019 Final TRIM Hearing

Mrs. Rolston asked for a motion to approve the Consent Items. There were no questions or discussion.

ACTION: Dr. James Sewell moved to approve the Consent Items as presented; seconded by Commissioner Karen Seel. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve Community Council Appointments

Ms. Danielle Hintz, Community Projects Manager, read biographical sketches for Ms. Kelly Nelson and Deputy Terrance Fallahee who were nominated to serve on the North Community Council.

There was no discussion.

ACTION: Dr. Sewell moved to approve the Community Council Appointments as presented; seconded by Mr. Rick Butler. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

Mrs. Rolston then moved back to the original Agenda.

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mrs. Rolston recognized and thanked Mr. Brian Aungst, Jr. for his service as JWB Board Chair from 2017 to 2019. Dr. James Sewell complimented Mr. Aungst on his significant leadership during times of trouble and commented on the two years of hard work and the investment of time required of the Board Chair.

Mr. Aungst thanked the Board for their willingness to mentor him through his tenure as Board Chair.

Mrs. Rolston continued on with the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

- B. Approve Cooperative Purchase and Contract for Microsoft Volume Licenses through Software House International, Inc. (SHI)

Mr. Brian Jaruszewski, Chief Financial Officer, read the recommended action to approve the renewal agreement of the State of Florida contract that allows JWB to use and receive updates for all Microsoft products for the cost of \$81,662.51. He explained the renewal agreement was presented to the Board because it exceeds \$50,000 due to new structuring of the contract that includes coverage for additional servers.

There was no discussion.

ACTION: Dr. Sewell moved to approve the Cooperative Purchase and Contract for Microsoft Volume Licenses through Software House International, Inc. (SHI) as presented; seconded by Mr. Michael Mikurak. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

- C. Approve Award and Contract for the Sleep Baby Safely Campaign

Ms. Lynda Leedy, Chief Administrative Officer, explained the \$85,162 expenditure for the Welcome Baby Bag initiative that distributes onesies, sleep sacks, storybooks, and safe sleep education materials to every birth mother in Pinellas County hospitals in FY20.

There was no discussion.

ACTION: Dr. Sewell moved to approve the Award and Contract for the Sleep Baby Safely Campaign as presented; seconded by Mr. Aungst. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

V. PRESENTATION

A. Sleep Baby Safely Campaign Update – *April Putzulu, Strategic Communications Manager, and Rebecca Albert, Strategic Initiatives Manager*

Ms. April Putzulu, Strategic Communications Manager, and Ms. Rebecca Albert, Strategic Initiatives Manager, reviewed the success of the Sleep Baby Safely campaign that has contributed to a 50 percent reduction in the number of Pinellas County infant and baby suffocation deaths in 2018. They spoke about the campaign partnerships with local law enforcement and fire departments to educate parents on the importance of safe sleeping.

Last year, JWB streamlined a process to procure, pack, distribute, and deliver Welcome Baby Bags to all four birthing hospitals in Pinellas County. Dozens of volunteer groups joined in for monthly packing events and 6,000 parents received Welcome Baby Bags.

Mr. Bob Dillinger requested a ZIP Code map to document the fact that 84 percent of the infant and baby suffocation deaths occur south of Gulf to Bay Boulevard.

Judge Moore asked if foster parents are given the kits too. Ms. Putzulu replied yes. She said the campaign has trained Eckerd and Department of Children and Families staff. She said she will ask to present campaign information at an upcoming foster parent event.

Mrs. Rolston complimented staff on the data-driven report documenting the campaign's work.

B. Rise in Teen Vaping – *Sunny Davis, Tobacco Free Manager from the Florida Department of Health, Lisa DePaolo, Managing Officer of Prevention Services from Pinellas County Schools, and Sara O'Toole, Managing Officer of Pinellas County Schools Health Services*

Ms. Judith Warren, Chief Operating Officer, introduced the four presenters: Ms. Lisa DePaolo, Managing Officer of Prevention Services for Pinellas County Schools; Ms. Sunny Davis, Tobacco Free Manager from the Florida Department of Health; Ms. Sara O'Toole, Managing Officer of Pinellas County Health Services; and Ms. Debra Prewitt, JWB Senior Public Policy Officer.

The presenters reviewed the history of vaping and Pinellas County statistics on youth, ages 11-17, who vape. They outlined the health dangers of vaping and highlighted local efforts to educate youth and their parents about the health risks. The presentation concluded with a review of federal and state legislative efforts to limit the sale of flavored vaping pods and raising the legal age to purchase vaping products to age 21.

Dr. Michael Grego stated he applauds the efforts of students who are "taking to the streets" to address the dangers of vaping. He explained that parents are not informed of the health risks associated with vaping. He encouraged to Board to find a way to address the issue.

Mr. Aungst inquired about Pinellas County standards for vaping merchants. He asked Ms. Prewitt to investigate preemption legislation state/or local for the sale of vaping products. He also encouraged the Board to consider investing money in marketing materials to educate parents and youth about the adverse health effects.

Mrs. Rolston agreed that there is a role for JWB to partner with the local efforts. She thanked staff for bringing the topic to the Board.

C. Overview of Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Strategic Focus Area – *Judith Warren, Chief Operating Officer, and Brian Jaruszewski, Chief Financial Officer*

Ms. Warren began the presentation by stating JWB has an opportunity to keep children out of the foster care system. She provided Community Indicators from 2016 -2019 showing there is a 6.23 percent removal rate per 100 child welfare reports accepted.

Ms. Warren continued by stating that 96 percent of the children touched by a JWB program are free from abuse and neglect during services and one year after for FY18. She emphasized JWB programs are voluntarily and high need families are often refusing services. She encouraged the Board, as part of the strategic planning process, to find ways to build trust with the families who are not accepting of JWB services.

Mr. Bob Dillinger asked about funding for foster services.

Ms. Warren deferred to Dr. Chris Card, Chief of Community Based Care at Eckerd, who reviewed a proposed funding model that will increase Circuit 6 (Pasco/Pinellas) funding by \$20 million.

Mr. Jaruszewski continued the presentation by outlining JWB's investment in services to prevent abuse and neglect.

Commissioner Karen Seel asked how JWB can begin to change the voluntary service model to reach more parents.

Ms. Warren recommended a high level of collaboration among partners to build trust with parents.

Commissioner Seel recalled a previous county model Time Out Homes that allowed for temporary respite for families by allowing them to drop their children of at a day care center. The program was discontinued because of licensure complications. She also recommended reviewing the Family Services Initiative's (FSI) requirement that families have sustainable income to participate in services.

Ms. Beth Houghton, CEO, stated the upcoming strategic planning process will investigate how JWB can impact the gap and if the FSI model makes sense.

Mr. Dillinger questioned why FSI is spending more money and yet fewer families are receiving services.

Ms. Warren explained one factor is families have greater needs for rent deposits, resulting in fewer families served but higher cost per family.

Judge Moore commented on the working homeless who live in fear of having their children removed.

Commissioner Seel explained the county is funding 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. navigators to specifically work with residents who need housing.

Mrs. Rolston added that JWB has seen success with children who are in JWB early learning programs and she recommended the Board continue to discuss expanding early learning programs for families so more children are ready for kindergarten.

Mr. Rick Butler asked what would be the magic number in affordable housing.

Commissioner Seel said she could supply that number but believes it is about 76,000 and that the County is aggressively addressing the issue.

VI. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Houghton called attention to several information items, including the ALICE Report and Kids Count Pinellas County data.

She announced staff is working on establishing dates in March and April for Board strategic planning workshops. Board members will be interviewed prior to the workshops to gather information and ideas for the strategic plan.

Ms. Houghton mentioned the Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board inter-local agreement letter sent to all Board members and indicated any necessary action will be included in an upcoming Board meeting.

She announced the Children's Summit is scheduled for January 31, 2020 and the Sunshine Law training on December 2, 2019.

Ms. Houghton concluded her report with early observations. She commended the excellent work of the staff and the meaningful metrics produced around the strategic focus areas. She encouraged JWB to treat funding partners as partners by being mindful of the time and effectiveness of JWB's fiduciary responsibilities without being burdensome to the partners.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

No Information Items were pulled for discussion.

VIII. OPEN AGENDA

Ms. Colleen Flynn, JWB's legal counsel, announced three members of the audience wished to address the Board.

Ms. Janet Hooper, Executive Director, Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center, commented on the Community Outreach funding and the roles of the Neighborhood Family Centers (NFCs).

Ms. April Lott, President and Chief Financial Officer, Directions for Living, commented on the Early Childhood Services Intervention funding and encouraged the Board to reconsider funding the Suncoast Center, a known local provider.

Ms. Pamela Settle of Good Living Media introduced the *Tampa Bay Baby* annual publication distributed at medical offices.

Mr. Butler acknowledged the staff anniversaries for September and October.

Mrs. Rolston reminded the audience of the Welcome Reception for Ms. Houghton scheduled immediately after the adjournment of the regular Board meeting.

IX. ADJOURN

Mrs. Rolston moved for adjournment at 10:34 AM. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by:



Rick Butler
Board Secretary
12/12/19



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Open Agenda Item

Subject (if Open Agenda Item):

Community Outreach

Name/Entity:

Mattie Williams NFC / Janet Hooper

Spokesperson For (list group or faction, if applicable):

Mattie Williams NFC

Address (optional):

1003 De ML King St N

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Open Agenda Item

Subject (if Open Agenda Item): Early Childhood Intervention Services

Name/Entity: Directions for Living RFIP

Spokesperson For (list group or faction, if applicable): April Lott

Address (optional): 1437 S. Belcher Road Clearwater FL 33764

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Subject (if Open Agenda Item):
Educating Parents - 0-5 development

Name/Entity:
Good Living Media - Pam Settle

Spokesperson For (list group or faction, if applicable):

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Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect Portfolio Summary FY18

Goal: Children served by any JWB funded Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect program will thrive in safe and healthy environments.

Community Indicators

| Child Welfare Data* | 2016-2017 | | 2017-2018 | | 2018-2019 | |
|---|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | Florida | Pinellas | Florida | Pinellas | Florida | Pinellas |
| Removal rate (per 100 intakes) | 5.40 | 6.40 | 4.79 | 5.96 | 4.44 | 6.23 |
| Abuse/neglect rate in out-of-home care (per 100,000 bed days) | 9.45 | 8.90 | 8.06 | 9.12 | 8.94 | 11.00 |
| Children achieving permanency within 12 months | 42.27% | 41.31% | 40.80% | 36.64% | 38.51% | 27.71% |

*Reporting period July 1 to June 30

Portfolio-Level Outcomes

| Critical Measures | FY20 Goal | FY17 | FY18 |
|---|-----------|------|------|
| Free from abuse and neglect during services | 100% | 98% | 96% |
| Free from abuse and neglect one year after services | 100% | 96% | 96% |
| Improved family stability | 96% | 89% | 90% |
| Improved parenting skills | 80% | 81% | 88% |

Color guide: Green ≤ 5%, Yellow 6% - 9%, Red ≥ 10%

Portfolio Information

| Type of Program | FY17 Number of Programs | FY18 Number of Programs | FY17 Number of Participants Served* | FY18 Number of Participants Served* | FY17 Estimated Cost per Participant | FY18 Estimated Cost per Participant |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Domestic Violence (shelter, outreach, and legal services) | 3 | 3 | 965 | 853 | \$3,816 | \$5,124 |
| Home Visiting / Wraparound | 5 | 4 | 3,349 | 3,123 | \$2,786 | \$3,045 |
| Mental Health / Substance Abuse | 5 | 6 | 10,440 | 12,337 | \$1,139 | \$1,053 |
| Shelter | 2 | 2 | 856 | 786 | \$2,748 | \$3,094 |
| Support Services (after school care for students with exceptional needs and swim lessons) | 4 | 5 | 911 | 584 | \$711 | \$1,262 |
| Family Services Initiative (FSI) Infrastructure | 3 | 4 | 9,817 | 8,108 | \$459 | \$572 |

*Participants might be enrolled in multiple programs throughout the fiscal year.

Budget and Lapse

| Type of Program | FY17 Total Program Budget | FY17 JWB Allocation (% of Budget) | FY17 Lapse (% of Allocation) | FY18 Total Program Budget | FY18 JWB Allocation (% of Budget) | FY18 Lapse (% of Allocation) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Domestic Violence | \$3,682,019 | \$474,374 (13%) | \$48,551 (10%) | \$4,370,779 | \$784,811 (18%) | \$45,811 (6%) |
| Home Visiting / Wraparound | \$9,329,156 | \$7,613,588 (82%) | \$258,603 (3%) | \$9,510,826 | \$7,820,968 (82%) | \$499,641 (6%) |
| Mental Health / Substance Abuse | \$11,896,072 | \$6,813,126 (57%) | \$98,377 (1%) | \$12,993,773 | \$7,216,306 (56%) | \$225,215 (3%) |
| Shelter | \$2,352,129 | \$650,755 (28%) | \$12,031 (2%) | \$2,431,772 | \$671,334 (28%) | \$7,536 (1%) |
| Support Services | \$648,080 | \$254,797 (39%) | \$13,015 (5%) | \$737,068 | \$360,112 (49%) | \$38,086 (11%) |
| FSI Infrastructure | \$4,504,325 | \$4,504,325 (100%) | \$344,771 (8%) | \$4,638,583 | \$4,637,625 (100%) | \$122,200 (3%) |

*Percentage of JWB program budget

Color guide: Green <5%, Yellow 5-10%, Red >10%

25,791

Participants Served*

\$21,601,156 (38%)*

Total JWB Allocation

\$960,696 (4%)

Total Lapse