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BOARD MEETING

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020
DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**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 9:07 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Michael Mikurak.

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

Mrs. Rolston acknowledged Dr. James Sewell's resignation from the Board effective February 29, 2020. She read a statement listing his career accomplishments. He was appointed to the Juvenile Welfare Board by Governor Charlie Crist in 2010 and served as JWB's Board Chair from 2015 to 2017.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approve Board Minutes for January 9, 2020
- B. Accept Finance Committee Minutes for January 28, 2020
- C. Accept Financial Report for January 2020

Mrs. Rolston called for approval of the Consent Items.

The items were approved without discussion.

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

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Amend Contract with the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) to Expand Prekindergarten for All Day Wraparound Program

Ms. Beth Houghton, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), requested approval to increase ELC's contract by \$126,129 to expand the Early Learning Coalition's Prekindergarten All Day Wraparound Program.

This item was approved at the January 28, 2020 Finance Committee meeting. Ms. Houghton explained there are an estimated 2,256 eligible four-year-olds who are not attending state-funded VPK programs in Pinellas County that are available three hours per day. This additional funding will provide wrap care to provide these children with access to full-day, full-year scholarships. After approving the Action at the January Finance Committee meeting, the Committee asked staff to calculate the estimated cost of expanding the programs eligibility criteria from at or below 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 400 percent of FPL. Ms. Houghton explained that 400 percent FPL for a household size of three would be an annual income of \$85,320. Covering the gap would cost JWB approximately \$900,000. Discussion ensued and the Board responded that no changes to the FPL were needed at this time.

ACTION: Dr. Sewell moved to amend the Contract with the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) to Expand Prekindergarten for All Day Wraparound Program; seconded by Mr. Mikurak. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

- B. Amend Contract with the Florida Department of Health Pinellas County to Expand Placement of Staff in Obstetrician Offices and for Home Visitation

Ms. Houghton outlined a brief history of Florida Department of Health state funding changes that began in 2018, and resulted in the elimination of staff positions. Some of those positions included those who were located in OBGYN offices and referred appropriate patients to local home visiting programs. A call and referral hotline was established to refer these patients to the home visiting programs but it has not been as successful. Referrals have dropped significantly. These funds would be utilized to reestablish those Healthy Families positions at OBGYN offices.

In 2020, after discussions between JWB and the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County, the positions were move back to OBGYN offices that treat significant numbers of low income families.

Ms. Houghton then read the recommended approval of increased funding for the Florida Department of Health Pinellas County Healthy Families Pinellas by \$172,730.

Mrs. Rolston asked for confirmation that the positions will be placed in OBGYN offices where low income families receive medical treatment.

Dr. Michael Grego asked why the funding was cut for a program with good outcomes. Dr. Ulyee Choe, Director of the Florida Department of Health Pinellas County, came to the podium and explained the money was cut at the state level.

ACTION: Dr. Sewell moved to amend the Contract with the Florida Department of Health Pinellas County to Expand Placement of Staff in Obstetrician Offices and for Home Visitation; seconded by Judge Patrice Moore. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Bernie McCabe attended the meeting by phone until the Action Items were completed. He did not vote. Commissioner Karen Seel arrived at 9:50 AM until 10:45 AM. She did not vote.

IV. PRESENTATION

A. Children's Mental Health Initiative Update – *Lynda Leedy, Chief Administrative Officer*

Ms. Lynda Leedy, Chief Administrative Officer, presented information regarding the implementation of the Children's Mental Health Initiative and the progress achieved since the last update in July 2019.

The Board was pleased with the recent progress. Dr. Grego expressed his gratitude for the efforts in getting children screened early but is still very concerned about the most complex children in the school district who are struggling to function today. He would like for this initiative in some way to assist that small but challenging population. He encouraged the initiative to think of how to better engage the mental health industry and other various industries to assist the children who are needing help today. The discussion concluded with comments on how technology is improving communication among health care providers and school districts and with emphasis the end goal is to find solutions to support children and alleviate the real problems.

Dr. Sewell suggested the children with complex needs first come to the attention of law enforcement. So in addition to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, there are 14 other law enforcement agencies who are dealing with these issues. He recommended reaching out to the Pinellas Police Standards Council to understand how they can interact with this initiative. It will also allow for other opportunities. Law enforcement needs more trauma informed care training for its officers.

B. Literacy Update

1. National Best Practices – *Kelly Kulsrud, Lectio Institute*

Ms. Houghton introduced Ms. Kelly Kulsrud, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Lectio Institute, which combines its expertise in the latest early learning and development research and trends with program design and implementation science. The Pinellas Grade-Level Reading Campaign, *Early Readers Future Leaders*, along with campaigns across the state and country, have been working with Lectio to strengthen our literacy knowledge and programming. Ms. Kulsrud shared the latest early literacy research and updates on Lectio's national and local efforts.

Dr. Grego commented on the changes in the levels of literacy. He emphasized the need for the right strategies in place to provide outcomes. Members also discussed outcomes as the focus for the upcoming strategic planning process. They also mentioned the equal importance of interpersonal, technology, and writing skills.

2. New JWB Literacy Program Update – *Judith Warren, Chief Operating Officer, and Patrick Pidgeon, Senior Program Evaluator*

Ms. Judith Warren, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Mr. Patrick Pidgeon, Senior Program Evaluator, who discussed the progress being made by The Children's Literacy Instruction and Maintenance Funding grant awardees: The Shirley Proctor Puller Foundation, the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast.

Mr. Pidgeon also reviewed progress made within the R'Club Child Care program that was awarded the Children's Literacy Outreach funding.

Topics discussed after the presentation included: providing more services in North County, using the Pinellas Child Opportunity map, and providing data to show outcomes. The Board requested a six month update.

- C. Children's Summit Review and Video – *Lynda Leedy, Chief Administrative Officer, and April Putzulu, Strategic Communications Manager*

Ms. Leedy provided a brief overview of the sixth annual Children's Summit and showed the annual report video, *All Kids Count*.

V. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Houghton said the recent Board presentations have been given to create a platform leading up to the Tuesday, March 31, 2020 JWB Board Workshop at the St. Petersburg EpiCenter from 9:00 AM –Noon.

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Search is going well. Over 65 resumes have been received with 12 telephone interviews conducted. There are four final candidates. There will be a panel interview with leadership within the organization on Monday, February 17, 2020. Final interviews will be conducted late next week.

The Health and Human Services Leadership Board (HHSLB) met on January 22, 2020 and heard a significant presentation from 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. The key areas addressed were funding diversification with an emphasis on raising philanthropic dollars, reducing wait times and lost calls regarding mental health services, screening messaging, and staff retention.

- Ms. Daisy Rodriguez, presented efforts by Pinellas County Human Services. The County has engaged KPMG, an accounting firm, to do a deep dive into the entire system of care across Pinellas County. The results should be received in late March or April.
- Ms. Donna Scillian from Pinellas County Schools spoke about all of the work to support students with their mental health funding. Students, social workers, and student nurses are being trained on the Sandy Hook Promise *See Something, Say Something*.
- Ms. Lynda Leedy presented on the Children's Mental Health Initiative led by JWB. She spoke about the integration of behavioral health therapists into pediatric offices and the connection to external social services. Breaking down the silos is difficult, but it creates the platform for change.

- Dr. Sewell reminded everyone that the HHSLB includes three members of the school board, three members of the county commission, and three members of JWB, plus the Pinellas County Sheriff. At the previous meeting, the bylaws were modified so the sheriff, chief deputy, or assistant chief deputy can attend. Also, Dr. Nicole Carr of the school board was elected as the new chair, and Pinellas County Commissioner Kathleen Peters as the vice-chair.
- The decision was made by the HHSLB that they would ask the Administrative Forum to meet when necessary and when they had an assignment for that group. Standing meetings will no longer occur.

Ms. Houghton is close to having visited every Neighborhood Family Center (NFC) and she has attended all but one NFC Board meeting.

JWB hosted the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) Community Dialog and annual Board meeting. Ms. Yaridis Garcia, Community Planning Manager, is on their Board. They were impressed with the work that JWB is doing. Their national conference is in Washington, D.C. in March.

The Clearwater NFC was reaccredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA).

The next meeting of the Family Oriented Concept Unified to Serve (FOCUS) a faith-based organization, will be on February 20, 2020. The topic is homelessness and the Homeless Leadership Alliance will be leading the program.

The 26th Annual Cooperman-Bogue KidsFirst Awards will be held on Friday, May 15, 2020 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

No items were pulled for discussion or comment.

VII. OPEN AGENDA

Mrs. Rolston asked if there any speakers to address the Board. Ms. Colleen Flynn, JWB's legal counsel, said there were no requests to address the Board.

Mr. Butler announced the staff anniversaries.

VIII. ADJOURN

Mrs. Rolston moved for adjournment at 10:15 AM. No further discussion.

Minutes Submitted by:



Rick Butler
Board Secretary
03/12/2020



ABOUT READSTRONG

ReadStrong Pinellas is a collaborative initiative to reach parents and caregivers across Pinellas County about grade-level reading and to inspire readers of all ages.



ReadStrong helps families unlock their child's reading potential. We share information, reading resources, and ways to strengthen their child's reading skills, starting with babies and young children through a child's school years.

As lead organization, RClub Child Care, Inc. teams up with Pinellas County Council PTA, the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, and United Way Suncoast to help families understand what it means to read on grade-level and how to build strong readers.

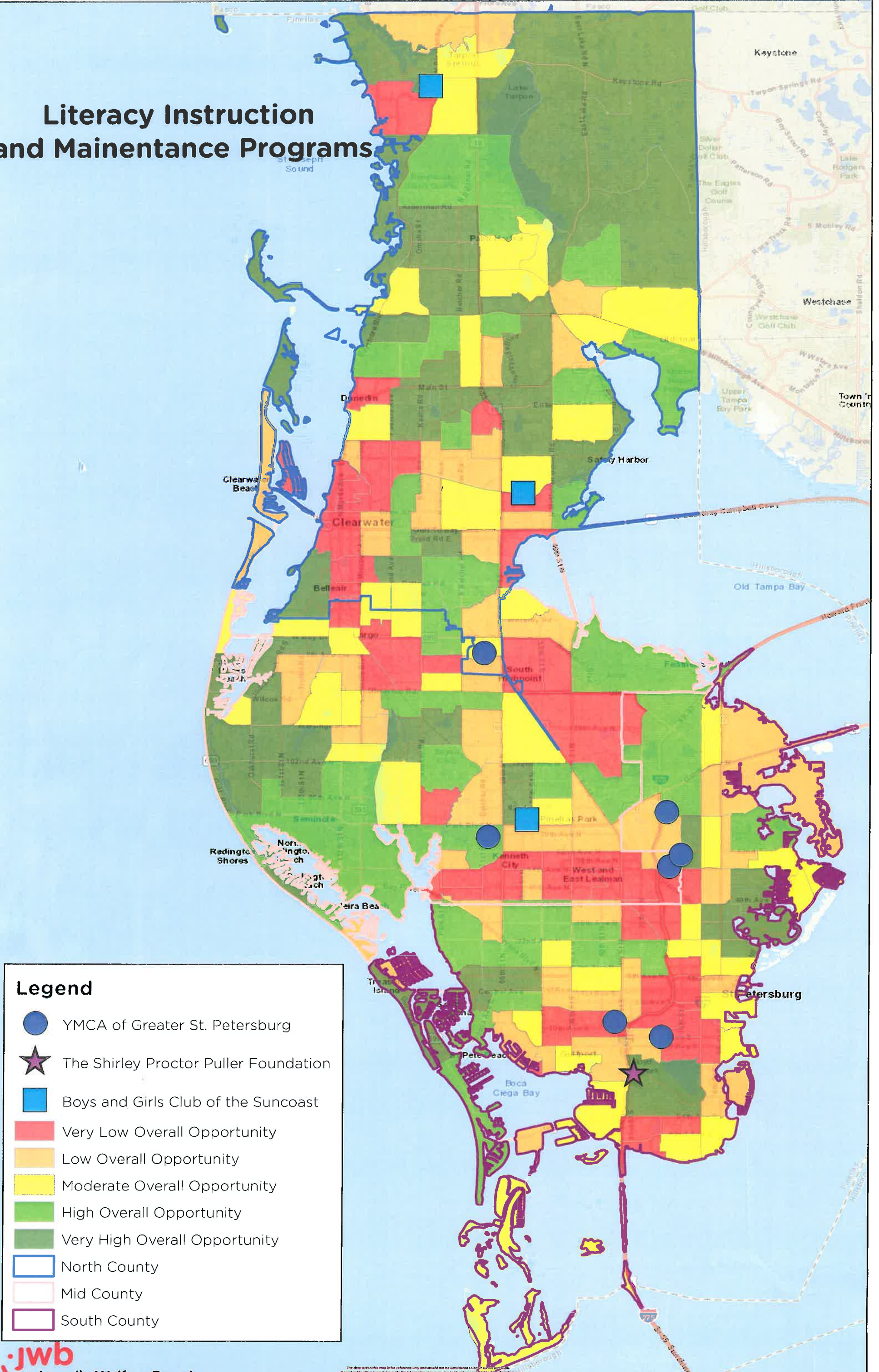
ReadStrong encourages community involvement in building strong readers and donations for books to share with children and families.

ReadStrong Pinellas is powered by the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County and the Pinellas Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.











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Literacy Instruction and Maintenance Programs



Legend

-  YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg
-  The Shirley Proctor Puller Foundation
-  Boys and Girls Club of the Suncoast
-  Very Low Overall Opportunity
-  Low Overall Opportunity
-  Moderate Overall Opportunity
-  High Overall Opportunity
-  Very High Overall Opportunity
-  North County
-  Mid County
-  South County

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