

JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Work Session - September 18, 1986

PRESENT: Mrs. Mary Byrkit, Chairman; Mrs. Jo Ann Welch, Vice Chairman; Dr. Calvin D. Harris, Secretary; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Judge Jack A. Page; and Dr. Scott Rose. Also present: Mr. James E. Mills, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary Laura Broadwater, Executive Assistant; and Ms. Elithia Stanfield, Coordinator of the Youth Services Advisory Committees.

Mrs. Byrkit turned the work session over to Mr. Steve Gronda, who is Chairman of the Youth Services Advisory Committees (YSAC) Executive Committee.

Lt. Helen Sweatt, Chairman of the Abuse, Neglect and Dependency (AND) Committee informed the Board of her committee's activities during the past fiscal year and plans for the new year. She was followed by Ms. Betty Keith, Chairman of the Day Care/Early Childhood Committee; Ms. Tyna Middleton, Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Committee; Dr. Lee Sherry, outgoing Chairman of the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Committee, who spoke for Ms. Rana Tiwari, who was detained; Mr. Fred Cheyunski, Vice Chairman of the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Committee; Mr. Sidney Goetz from the Legislative Committee; and Mr. Gronda, Chairman of the Economic Services Committee, who also shared their committees' activities.

Several issues were discussed. Among them were:

1. The need to address child day care as a community issue;
2. Transportation as a potential legislative issue, whereby a portion of the gasoline tax could be used to finance.

The Juvenile Justice Committee will present the recommendations of their Report on Status Offenders to the Board in December or January.

YSAC members, Board members and Mr. Mills discussed the difficulties encountered in maintaining an up-to-date human services directory. Mrs. Byrkit directed staff to look at this issue and bring back a brief report on their process and progress so that Board could inform YSAC.

Ms. Stanfield suggested that Board might like to think about meeting with YSAC twice a year, instead of yearly. This will be considered in the spring.

Mrs. Byrkit thanked the YSAC representatives for their presentations and declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: October 9, 1986, 9:30 a.m. - regular meeting;
November 5, 1986, 6:00 p.m. - YSAC Anniversary Celebration.



Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary