

JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - February 14, 1985

PRESENT: Mrs. Mary Byrkit, Chairman; Mrs. Jo Ann Welch, Vice Chairman; Dr. Calvin D. Harris, Secretary; Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Judge Jack A. Page; Commissioner Charles E. Rainey; and Dr. Scott Rose. Also present: Mr. James E. Mills, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary Laura Broadwater, Executive Assistant; and Mr. Terry A. Smiljanich, Attorney at Law.

Mrs. Byrkit called the meeting to order and welcomed Commissioner Charles E. Rainey, who joined the Juvenile Welfare Board on January 1, 1985 by virtue of his office as Vice Chairman of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

MOTION Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried Approval of unanimously to approve the agenda as published. Agenda

MOTION Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried Approval of unanimously to approve the minutes of the work session of January 7, Minutes 1985 and of the regular meeting of January 10, 1985 as mailed.

Mrs. Byrkit invited individuals in the audience to make themselves known if they wished to be recognized in reference to any item on the agenda.

MOTION Dr. Rose moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried unani- JSP & mously to amend the recommendations of staff as follow: JWB Issuance of RFP

1. Extend the Juvenile Services Program (JSP) contract through March 31, 1985. During this period JSP will be required to phase out services or arrange for transfer of clients to other programs. During any period of extended service JSP would be closely supervised by Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB) program and fiscal staff.
2. JWB issue a Request for Proposal to continue provision of delinquency prevention diversion and intervention services in South St. Petersburg for the period June 1, 1985 through September 30, 1985 with an option for contract renewal for fiscal year 1985-86.
3. Subject to legal concurrence, JSP not compete for any new Request for Proposals for a period of one year.

MOTION Mrs. Welch moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion to accept staff Staff Recom- recommendations on the Corporal Punishment Report provided by the Corporal Punishment Report Youth Services Advisory Committees' Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Committee.

The Board then discussed the issue at length and recognized a number of individuals from the audience who spoke on both sides of the question.

MOTION Commissioner Rainey moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a substitute motion which carried that the Board receive and file the Corporal Punishment Report. Mrs. Byrkit, Mrs. Welch, and Mrs. Herman opposed this motion.

MOTION
JWB Public
Policy

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to adopt the provisions of the Juvenile Welfare Board Public Policy Statement for Sections I (Children in Families), II (Economic Security), IV (Abuse and Neglect), V (Juvenile Justice, A, B, & D), and VI (Mental Health) with editorial revisions; and table until returned by staff Section III (Education) and portion C (Runaways) of Section V (Juvenile Justice) for further consideration.

MOTION
Child Abuse
Prevention

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to adopt the recommendations of staff as follow:

1. Allow the \$52,600 of funds set aside for issuance of a Child Abuse Request for Proposal to lapse.
2. Increase projected 1985/86 New and Expanded Allocation by \$55,500 to \$255,500.
3. Increase projected 1985/86 Research & Development (one-time only) Allocation by \$52,600 (1984/85 lapse) to \$102,600.

MOTION
FACE
Learning
Center

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That FACE Learning Center (FACE) resubmit its request to restructure the class component in a manner which does not significantly affect the approved service level.
2. That this request be submitted by February 28, 1985, with an effective implementation date of April 1, 1985.
3. That should the request be approved, FACE will be evaluated on the revised application for Quarters 3 and 4 of fiscal year 1984-85. If the request is not approved FACE will continue to be evaluated on the basis of the currently approved application.
4. That prior to entering into any possible new contract with FACE for fiscal year 1985-86, a special report be made to the Board regarding resolution of this matter and FACE's overall fiscal year 1984-85 performance.

MOTION
Intensive
Treatment
Children's
Homes

Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried unanimously to adopt the findings of the Intensive Treatment Children's Homes (ITCH) Screening Committee as follow:

1. The need for therapeutic foster care exists in our community. This type of program serves a prevention/early intervention need. With state facilities being closed, more local options will be necessary.
2. Although the program concept is good, the modalities and service implementation methods as formulated in the former Health & Rehabilitative Services ITCH Program need restructuring. The committee suggests looking at other model programs of this type that have been successful and redirect the program by using some models as references. Although Camelot Care, Inc. is currently providing quality services, it is still felt other alternative models should be assessed.
3. Use the Coordinated Needs Assessment as one source of information for future decision making regarding this program.

MOTION
MHSSP
Community
Based Class
Program

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously for staff to continue to closely monitor the Mental Health Services of South Pinellas, Inc. Community Based Class Program, provide necessary technical assistance, and support the program in its efforts to obtain needed transportation.

Judge Page was out of the room during the above motion.

MOTION
Pinellas
Compre-
hensive
Alcohol
Services

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to adopt the following recommendations regarding Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services, Inc. - Chemical Abuse Prevention Services:

1. To commend Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services (PCAS) for prompt compliance with the Juvenile Welfare Board request.
2. To accept the terms negotiated between PCAS and the Clearwater Housing Authority (CHA), and develop the terms into a measurable objective (number of service hours to be provided to persons served by CHA).
3. Relieve PCAS of further obligation to contact the Ervin Harris All American Youth Club, but require that the Greenwood Neighborhood be specifically included for program services.

MOTION
PYPRTH

Noting the improvement accomplished by Pinellas Young People's Residential Treatment Homes, Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to have staff continue to monitor and evaluate that agency in accordance with the Juvenile Welfare Board's established policies and procedures.

MOTION
Friends of
Ridgecrest

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to adopt the following recommendations regarding Friends of Ridgecrest-Baskins/Danville/Ridgecrest Community Services Program:

1. To disapprove the Friends of Ridgecrest Reconceptualization Plan, and extend the Community Services Program through June 30, 1985 under close supervision.
2. To authorize Juvenile Welfare Board staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide future social services in the greater Ridgecrest area.
3. To allow the Friends of Ridgecrest to compete for this RFP along with other agencies provided corrective action is taken in regard to the fiscal deficiencies identified in the recent audit.

Mr. Tasker Beal, President of the Friends of Ridgecrest board, stated that his board, a number of representatives of which were present, was in total agreement with the Juvenile Welfare Board staff recommendations and welcomed the opportunity to reapply for the new contract.

MOTION
Capital
Purchase/
Leasing
Policy

Mrs. Allen moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to table action on authorizing limited capital expenditures for funded agencies until staff is ready to return the issue to Board with additional information.

Mr. Mills commented on his response to the management letter from Hevia, Beagles & Company, P.A. concerning the audit for the year ended September 30, 1984.

The Board received the audit document as written.

Mrs. Byrkit called attention to the Social Indicator Report (Executive Summary) for the second quarter of 1984, the Legislative Workshop and the Grants Workshop evaluations, and the Personnel Report for January 1985.

The Board noted the financial reports, the Narrative Report for January from the Executive Director (which included the site visit schedule and the Staff Development & Training Department update), and the media items.

Mrs. Byrkit declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: March 7, 1985, 7:00 p.m. - work session on Needs Assessment;
March 14, 1985, 9:30 a.m. - regular meeting.



Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary