

JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY
Regular Meeting of December 12, 2002
MINUTES

Present: Cecilia Burke, Chair; John Milford, Vice Chair; Bob Dillinger; Sandra Faulkner; Bernie McCabe; Van Saylor; Joseph A. Smith; Judge Irene Sullivan; Terry Smiljanich, Board Counsel; James E. Mills, Executive Director; Amy Daly, Executive Assistant

Absent: Janet Caramello, Secretary; Dr. J. Howard Hinesley; Judge Irene Sullivan

Ms. Burke called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and requested that comments regarding the new set-up for Board seating be shared after the meeting. Ms. Burke also announced that the time for the Executive Committee meetings, the second Monday of the month, be changed from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA A motion was made by Mr. Milford and seconded by Mr. Saylor to approve the agenda for the December 12, 2002 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES A motion was made by Mr. Dillinger and seconded by Mr. Saylor to approve the minutes for the November 14, 2002 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION
A.S.S.E.T. A.S.S.E.T. Awards were presented to: Consumer Credit Counseling, Help-A-Child, Pinellas Association for Retarded Children, Pinellas Arts Council, State Attorney-Sixth Judicial Circuit, YWCA of Tampa Bay.

ACTION

2003 Legislative Priorities Following questions and comments by the Board on the 2002-2003 Legislative Priorities, including a suggestion to host a meeting with the Pinellas Legislative Delegation in November 2003, a motion was made by Mr. Milford and seconded by Ms. Faulkner to approve the 2003 JWB Legislative Agenda as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Middle School-Aged Summer Scholarship Program Following Board discussion centered on the advisability of funding new programs, as indicated in the application, and the suggestion to add, "Strong preference will be given to expanding existing programs," a motion was made.

A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner and seconded by Mr. McCabe to approve the Middle School-Aged Summer Scholarship Program Request For Proposals (RFP) with the added language, "Strong preference will be given to expanding existing programs" in the application. The motion carried unanimously.

New & Expanded Contract Negotiations – R' Club

Board discussion and questions to staff and Scott Goyer, President/CEO, YMCA of the Suncoast, centered on the difficulty in securing a North County middle school site for the R' Club Child Care Healthy Interactive Prevention Clubs middle school after school program and decision to remain at Kennedy Middle School.

A motion was made by Mr. Dillinger and seconded by Ms. Faulkner to approve the request to allow the 'R Club to serve up to thirty (30) youth currently funded through parent fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan Meeting Dates

After review of the Board Members' availability, by consensus the Board chose January 7, January 21 and February 11, 2003 as dates for workshops addressing the update of the JWB Strategic Plan. The workshops will be held at 4:30 p.m.

BOARD DISCUSSION - Presentations

The Board offered input into a staff proposed procedure for organizations wishing to present information to the Board. The Board supported presentations during the Open Agenda portion of the meeting, a 10-minute time limit, requests honored on a first come-first served basis, limiting presentations to no more than two per meeting and limiting presentation aids to handouts only (with the possibility of staff assisting organizations in providing audio-visual presentations in the lobby before or after the meeting).

There was no additional Board discussion.

INFORMATION

Contract Compliance

Staff assured the Board that since issuance of the memo the agencies noted have either submitted their audit or a letter requesting an extension. Staff explained that the filing of the audit is the responsibility of the auditor and a late filing is often not the fault of the agency. In response to a concern about the status of Sergeant Allen Moore Community Partnership, Inc.-Safehouse of North Greenwood contract,

staff reported that the agency had just submitted a written commitment to work toward resolution of the issues of non-compliance and staff would return the item on a future agenda.

Personnel Report During the Personnel Report Mr. Mills introduced Rodney MacKinnon, Fiscal Analyst, Programs and Finance Department.

OPEN AGENDA During the Open Agenda portion of the meeting, Bilal Habeeb-Ullah, Director, African-American Leadership Council, Cassandra Boone, a parent utilizing the North Greenwood Family Center and Andree Johnson, USA GAP, addressed the Board, highlighting the accomplishments of the programs in those organizations and expressing concern over potential loss of funding.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Caramello
Secretary