

**JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY**  
**Regular Meeting of January 14, 2000**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Myrtle Smith-Carroll, Chairperson; Jeanne Malchon, Vice Chairperson, Donna McRae, Secretary; Judge Walt Logan; Jeanne McCarthy, M.D.; Norma Rienhardt; James E. Mills, Executive Director; and Teddi Gates, Executive Assistant

**Absent:** Judge Marion Fleming, Commissioner Calvin Harris, Dr. J. Howard Hinesley

Ms. Smith-Carroll called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DONNA MC RAE AND SECONDED BY JEANNE MALCHON TO ADD "PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE JWB ACT AND PINELLAS DELEGATION MEETING" TO THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDGE LOGAN AND SECONDED BY JEANNE MALCHON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE JANUARY MEETING AS REVISED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DONNA MC RAE AND SECONDED BY JEANNE MALCHON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 1999 REGULAR MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ACTION-CONSENT ITEMS**

The following Action-Consent Items had been included in Board packets for their review and consideration:

**A. Personnel Practices:**

**Recommendation to amend Section 7.0 of the Personnel Practices Manual as follows:**

7.252 Upon grant of regular employee status, the employee is will be eligible for up to a ~~5%~~ 7% increase in his/her base salary level. Amount of increase will be based on job performance during the provisional period and recommendation by the supervisor.

**Rationale:** To enable supervisors to reward provisional employees according to their performance.

**B. Air Conditional Chiller Replacement:** Recommendation to authorize the engagement of MSI (Mechanical Services of Orlando, Inc.) to install a new air-cooled chiller system at a cost of \$92,700.

**C. Nova Southeastern University Waiver of Condition #3:** Request to waive General Condition #3 of the Agreement with Nova Southeastern University.

**D. BEST Initiative Rollover:** Request to roll forward DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest lapse funds from FY 98-99 in the amount of \$27,675 and increase cash forward revenue by that same amount.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MALCHON AND SECONDED BY MS. RIENHARDT TO APPROVE THE ACTION-CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership Funding:** Ms. Biszewski-Eber presented staff's recommendation to

**ALLOCATE TWO YEARS OF FUNDING TO THE HEALTHY START COALITION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE COUNTYWIDE PLAN THAT ADDRESSES THE DELIVERY SERVICE SYSTEM THAT IMPACTS ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY. THE ALLOCATION WOULD INCLUDE \$33,500 FOR FY 99/00 AND \$33,500 FOR FY 00/01.**

Mr. Mills referred to a letter of support for this program received from Commissioner Sallie Parks. Following discussion

**JUDGE LOGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. MC RAE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. Program Accountability Enhancement Funding Recommendations:** Ms. Perkins presented the staff's recommendation to

**ALLOCATE \$27,138 (\$30,432 ANNUALIZED) FOR 34 PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY ENHANCEMENT FUND REQUESTS. JUDGE LOGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION, MS. MALCHON SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED UNANIIMOUSLY.**

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE JWB ACT AND PINELLAS DELEGATION MEETING:** Mr. Mills noted that the Pinellas County Delegation had a majority vote to amend the JWB act as proposed by Senator Latvala and Representative Morroni, with two amendments (elimination of the "designee" authority and adding

Senate confirmation of the Governor's appointees). Ms. Malchon noted that Board members had stressed the importance of retaining a majority of citizen members on the Board and their concerns about Board members being Pinellas County residents. Ms. Rienhardt said she was delighted at the number of community representatives who came to the Delegation meeting to support having the Board make up remain as is. Judge Logan reviewed some of the positives and negatives of having the Public Defender and the State's Attorney appointed to the Board. Ms. Smith-Carroll expressed her concern that the Delegation seemed to be under the impression that JWB has changed little over the past 54 years and also that they did not see the proposed bill until shortly before the Delegation meeting. Ms. Malchon added her concern about the lack of notification regarding the proposed changes. Judge Logan asked about the correspondence sent to JWB funded agencies concerning this matter; copies of the two memos were shared with the Board.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Cheryl Shaver of Alpha, A New Beginning addressed the Board on her agency, which assists young mothers. Ms. Shaver invited Board members to tour her agency at their convenience. Mr. Mills noted that JWB staff has been assisting Alpha with technical assistance and grant writing.

Ms. Fran Lever of High Point Community Pride thanked Board members for the program enhancements they have supported over the years. She introduced Connie Jackson, the center's new Executive Director.


Judge Logan noted that there would be a public meeting on the Department of Juvenile Justice's proposed reorganization in Tampa on January 24. It was agreed that the Judge would review a letter drafted by Mr. Mills to Governor Bush expressing our concern about the proposed reorganization.

Dr. McCarthy noted that she has been involved with Healthy Families Pinellas and offered to share an article on the program developed in conjunction with Health Department staff.

Mr. R.J. Doody noted that the JWB Training Department is offering more community education for individuals, as well as continued training for professionals. He noted that there were 25 persons signed up for the "From Jail to Yale" workshop on January 21.

There was no additional business and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Donna McRae  
Secretary