

JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY
Regular Meeting of March 13, 2003

MINUTES

Present: Cecilia Burke, Chair; Janet Caramello, Secretary; Bob Dillinger; Bernie McCabe; Van Saylor; Commissioner Karen Seel; Joseph A. Smith; Judge Irene Sullivan

Absent: John Milford, Vice Chair; Sandra Faulkner; Dr. J. Howard Hinesley; Terry Smiljanich, Board Counsel

Ms. Burke called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

AGENDA Prior to approval the agenda was amended to include Board Discussion and due to Mr. Smiljanich being out of town and not being able to attend the meeting, withdrawal of Item III. F. – Increase Reimbursement-Legal Counsel.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Saylor to approve the agenda for the March 13, 2002 meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

2/4/03 Workshop A motion was made by Judge Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Saylor to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2003 workshop. The motion carried unanimously.

2/13/03 Regular Meeting A motion was made by Ms. Caramello and seconded by Judge Sullivan to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2003 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

2/25/03 Public Forum A motion was made by Ms. Caramello and seconded by Judge Sullivan to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2003 public forum. The motion carried unanimously.

3/10/03 Executive Comm. Meeting A motion was made by Judge Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Saylor to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no Executive Committee actions.

PRESENTATION Pauline Mallory was recognized for twenty years of service.

ACTIONS

Strategic Plan Update

Prior to adoption of the Strategic Plan Update and Criteria for Program Consolidation and Elimination, Dr. Marlowe provided a brief overview of the final Strategic Plan Update. Ms. Burke thanked Dr. Marlowe for his assistance in the process. Kathy McGhee, PARC, suggested a "Community Partnership for Children," a collaborative of parents, providers and agencies who serve the 0-6 population, which would include a summit to assess services. The Board supported the suggestion of collaboration among providers. Ms. Burke suggested a meeting with the JWB Council of Executives to Ms. McGhee.

Glenda Datsko expressed concern over the concept of consolidation of Neighborhood Family Centers and perceived difficulties in the High Point community with the YMCA.

Commissioner Seel announced that a proposal recommending support for a human service planning and funding effort in the community (Strategy 4) would be presented at the next Board of County Commissioners' meeting and also indicated that Commissioner Todd has expressed interest in the proposal.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the Strategic Plan update. The motion carried unanimously.

Criteria for Prog. Consolidation & Elimination

A motion was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Mr. Saylor to approve the Criteria for Program Consolidation and Elimination. The motion carried unanimously.

Sgt. Allen Moore-Contract Term.

Prior to a motion to terminate the FY 02-03 contract with Sgt. Allen Moore Community Partnership, Inc., Dr. Joseph Smiley and Jonathan Wade addressed the Board. Dr. Smiley provided copies of correspondence between Sgt. Allen Moore and JWB and requested the Board reconsider the staff recommendation. He suggested the Board place the agency on probation and assured it is prepared to sell one of their facilities to satisfy the money owed to the JWB and is seeking a partnership with another agency/organization. Mr. Wade requested that should the contract be terminated the funds remain in the North Greenwood area.

Motion: Mr. Smith moved to accept Dr. Smiley's appeal on behalf of Sgt. Allen Moore Community Partnership, Inc. to allow a probationary period and determine the length of the probationary period. In response to a question from Judge Sullivan, Dr. Smiley indicated the organization would be able to repay the disallowances within a four-month timeline.

Bilal Habeeb-ullah, Executive Director, African-American Leadership Council assured the Board that his agency has maintained a good relationship with the Sgt. Allen Moore Community Partnership and the two organizations have worked together in the past. Following questions to Dr. Smiley by the Board on current participants in the program and fiscal difficulties within the program, a substitute motion was made.

Substitute Motion: A substitute motion to adopt the staff recommendation was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Mr. Saylor to terminate the FY 02-03 contract with the Sgt. Allen Moore Community Partnership, Inc. with twenty-four (24) hours notice per section VI.4 of the contract, place a lien on the property to satisfy the disallowances identified by JWB staff, freeze the funds for 30 days and return to the Board at the April meeting with a proposal for utilization of funds in the North Greenwood community. In addition, per JWB funding policies 2-4.17, revoke the Sergeant Allen Moore A.S.S.E.T. certification effective March 13, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Impact: Funding remaining in the contract for the Sgt. Allen Moore Community Partnership, Inc. would be frozen at \$71,737.

Middle School-Aged Summer Scholarship Program A motion was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Mr. Dillinger to allocate up to \$440,925 to: Cities of Clearwater, Safety Harbor, St. Petersburg, Boys and Girls Clubs, Sanderlin Family Center and YMCA of the Suncoast utilizing \$305,000 from the Middle School-Aged Summer Scholarship fund and other revenues identified by staff to be reflected in the fiscal impact. The motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Impact: Approval of staff's recommendation would reduce the Middle School-Aged Summer Scholarship Fund from \$305,000 to \$0 and include ongoing contingency of

\$76,905 from SJCC-Juvenile Arbitration and remaining ongoing contingency from Sgt. Allen Moore, \$59,020.

Auditor Extension A motion was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Ms. Caramello to designate KPMG as the JWB audit firm beginning October 1, 2003 for a period of up to two (2) years through September 30, 2005. The motion carried unanimously.

**Allocation
YWCA Unemp.
Compen.-UNO** A motion was made by Commissioner Seel and seconded by Mr. McCabe to allocate up to \$5,000 from the current UNO allocation to the YWCA of Tampa Bay for unemployment compensation liabilities incurred due to fiscal sponsorship of UNO. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Sayler had left the meeting prior to the vote and returned for the Board Discussion portion of the meeting.

Fiscal Impact: The UNO Federation Community Services contract would be reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000. The YWCA PATTALS contract would be increased from \$126,200 to \$131,200.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting Ms. Burke appointed a Budget Committee comprised of Van Sayler, Chair and Ms. Caramello and Mr. Dillinger.

Mr. Dillinger announced the yearlong celebration honoring the 40th anniversary of Gideon vs. Wainwright.

Mr. Mills shared the information on the NCCJ Dinner and alerted the Board that the April meeting may extend beyond the routine time for adjournment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Caramello, Secretary