



Board of Directors Meeting

February 14, 2008

Minutes – January 10, 2008

Item III.A.

PRESENT: Joseph Smith, Chair; John Milford, Vice Chair; Martha Lenderman, Secretary; Cecilia Burke; Honorable Bob Dillinger; Honorable Bernie McCabe; Van Saylor; Honorable Irene Sullivan; Commissioner Ken Welch; Dr. Clayton Wilcox; Attorney Terry Smiljanich

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge Allegiance

II. CONSENT ITEMS

Request approved to move II.D. Board Member Appointees for Corporate Recognition Committee to III.C. under Action Items.

- A. Approve Minutes for November 29, 2007 regular meeting**
- B. Community Council Appointments – Lieutenant James Millican, Lealman Fire Department and Debra A. Rose, Principal Planner, City of Pinellas Park**
- C. Accept Disaster Planning Funds from Pinellas County**
- D. Task Force on Youth & Sexual Activity Appointment – Daphne Street, Grants Specialist for Operation PAR**

ACTION: Mr. Saylor moved acceptance of the consent items; seconded by Mr. Dillinger; motion carried.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Authorize Application for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant

The six-year award would enable JWB to plan for and provide an early intervention system of mental health care with priority for children in the Child Welfare System. It would involve collaboration among child welfare agencies, families and youth to improve access and expand the array of services for children and youth with serious mental health problems. The project would begin with a focus on Pinellas children from birth to five. Subsequent years of the award allow for expansion of the services to include Pinellas youth 6-12 and 13-17 years old. JWB will allocate a portion of counseling and mental health funding as match support for the Initiative. The grant application is due on February 1, 2008.

ACTION: Mr. McCabe moved the Child Welfare Advocacy office respond to the SAMHSA Child Mental Health Initiative Request for Application, and authorization for the appropriate JWB representative to sign the application and required transmittal documents; Mr. Saylor seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Presentation of Revised Funding Policies (for February adoption)

Lisa Sahulka presented the proposed Board Policy Revisions. Areas discussed included: conflict of interest, an end of the year report on sole-source contracts, RFP process, and allowing agencies to apply program revenues on other agency expenses. Mortgage payments were discussed, as was moving into a 5-years review point process. The Board was asked to forward their input to Ms. Lancaster who, in turn, will forward the information to Ms. Sahulka and Ms. Bell for inclusion in the final draft.

ACTION: A final copy of the policies will be presented at the February Board Meeting for approval.

C. Board Member Appointees for Corporate Recognition Selection Committee

Ms. Lenderman and Mr. Milford volunteered to serve on the Corporate Recognition Awards Committee. Awards will be presented at the Cooperman-Bogue Awards Luncheon on March 25, 2008.

ACTION: With Board consensus, the Chairman appointed Ms. Lenderman and Mr. Milford's appointment to the Corporate Recognition Committee

IV. REPORTS/BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Child Welfare Advocacy Report – Jeanine Evoli

The presentation included the main themes that emerged from a series of community meetings and the JWB Community Based Care Forum on December 7, 2007. Mr. Saylor asked if foster parent participation had declined due to tightened laws. Ms. Evoli will check and report back at the February Board meeting. Judge Sullivan shared Secretary Butterworth's slogan: Use the two sense solution - common sense and sense of urgency. Judge Sullivan indicated the Unified Family Court Judges are in agreement with the issues identified. Ms. Lenderman expressed concern regarding the decline in Pasco County data as compared to Pinellas and requested data from providers be broken down between Gulfcoast Community Care and Directions for Mental Health. The Board commended Ms. Evoli on her detailed report.

B. Middle School Aged Summer Scholarship (MSASS) Initiative – Robbin Redd

Ms. Redd presented a power point. Mr. Saylor suggested enhancement of the wellness aspect of the program. Ms. Burke inquired about agency commitment and would like outcome data on whether the program helps keep kids out of gangs, Juvenile Detention, and improves school attendance. Mr. Welch requested number of youth in the program from unincorporated areas. Judge Sullivan requested guidelines for participation, which Lisa Sahulka will provide.

C. Pinellas County Management Services – Paul Lackey

Mr. Lackey provided an update on Neighborhood Family Centers Coalition Realignment, Literacy Programs implementation and the Childs Park Service and Literacy Program. HIPPPY (Home Based Instruction for Parents of Preschool Programs) is in great demand. In

response to Mr. McCabe's question, children are pre and post tested. Space continues to be an issue in some areas but resolution is in process. The Board commended Mr. Lackey on a job well done, stating the accomplishments are amazing in such a short period of time.

D. Juvenile Justice Blue Ribbon Commission: deferred to the February Board Meeting per Judge Sullivan's request.

V. PRESENTATIONS - ASSET

Mr. Stone presented certification plaques to Operation PAR, Achieve Tampa Bay, PEMHS, Directions for Mental Health, Family Service Centers, Eckerd Youth Alternatives and Gulf Coast Community Care.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Legislative Update – Debra Prewitt

VII. OPEN AGENDA

The Board vacancy is in the process of being filled.

Mr. Sayler moved the meeting be adjourned; motion seconded by Mr. Milford; motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Next Board Meeting is February 14, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at the EpiCenter.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Lenderman, Secretary

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