

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

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Requested Action

The Juvenile Welfare Board is requested to approve the transfer of \$309,867 originally allocated to Family Resources (FRI) for VAC and Helpline to Pinellas Cares Inc., effective October 1, 1999.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the transfer of funding from Family Resources to Pinellas Cares.
2. Approve the transfer of an alternate amount to Pinellas Cares.
3. Deny the request.
4. Take any action the Board deems appropriate.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Approve the transfer of \$309,867 originally allocated to Family Resources for VAC and Helpline to Pinellas Cares Inc., effective October 1, 1999.

SOURCE OF JWB FUNDS

FY 99-00 Continuation Funding

FISCAL IMPACT

None

NARRATIVE

- Family Resources has requested these funds be transferred to execute the previously proposed merger of VAC and Helpline with Pinellas Cares.
- Staff has periodically reported to the Board regarding progress made in the merger of VAC and Helpline with Pinellas Cares. At the May Board meeting, Family Resources (FRI) was allocated \$25,000 to RFP for consultant services. As previously reported, FRI received one bid for the contract and declined the application. The agency has hired a consultant to complete preliminary work on the merger.

To date, progress towards completion of the merger includes the following:

- An executive director has been hired
- Basic fiscal systems have been established
- Pinellas Cares has submitted required JWB materials (certification of 501 (c) 3

status, a Board list, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and a 1998 audit).

- Pinellas Cares, Inc. will be leasing existing employees and space from FRI.
- FRI is investigating separation of all benefit plans.
- FRI has requested contract transfers from all funders, including the United Way.