



Board of Directors Meeting

April 14, 2011

Office of Resource Development Report November 2010 – March 2011

Item V.B.

Recommended Action: Information Only

JWB grant activity for the period November 2010 – March 2011 included providing technical assistance in writing grants, providing letters of support and Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), designing and writing program evaluation sections of grant applications, convening a meeting among providers on a specific grant opportunity, and applying for a grant as the culminating activity of a one-year planning grant.

The AmeriCorps planning grant was completed, and JWB submitted an application for *AmeriCorps Pinellas READS*, a one-year \$98,000 operating grant. Award announcements are planned for May 2011, depending on continued funding of AmeriCorps in the federal budget.

JWB provided substantial assistance in writing sections of a grant application submitted to the Kellogg Foundation by Pinellas County Schools. The application proposes a set of activities that would benefit students attending Fairmount Park Elementary School and their parents. This proposal is an example of a model that could be taken to scale with other at-risk schools with new money. The application is pending.

Working with the Pinellas County Office of Justice and Consumer Services, JWB provided substantial assistance in writing the grant application and developed the three-year budget for a federal anti-gang grant. Pinellas County submitted the \$750,000 request for Comprehensive Anti-Gang Strategies and Programs to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Partners in collaboration with the County include: the State Attorney's Office, JWB, InterCultural Advocacy Institute Hispanic Outreach Center, Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center, City of St. Petersburg, City of Clearwater, Pinellas County Schools, and Operation PAR. No match is required.

At the request of the Healthy Start Coalition of Pinellas County, JWB convened a meeting to discuss interest in a recently announced Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting opportunity available from the Florida Department of Health. The Coalition is applying for the grant, which will implement *Parents as Teachers Plus* and will serve families with children age birth to three not engaged in the county dependency system, with at least one convicted drug offender parent enrolled in the Pinellas Adult Drug Court. No match is required. The application is being developed in partnership with a number of early childhood providers in our community, including Healthy Families, Even Start, Head Start, Early Head Start, Healthy Start, and Westcare, Inc. JWB is designing and will conduct the evaluation of this project.

Letters of support were provided by JWB on behalf of several applications.

1. Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas, Inc. for their proposal in response to the Florida Department of Education's Invitation to Negotiate to "Develop and Manage Community Programs in Florida." CCC will be coordinating a continuum of services to promote and increase partnerships among schools, families, and communities. The focus is on students and families from Boca Ciega and Gibbs High Schools. Funding is available only as in-kind match for the OST and 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs. Award announcement is expected in April.
2. An application for a planning grant to the *Help Me Grow National Technical Assistance Center* at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. JWB transmitted a letter of support that will allow JWB and the Children's Board of Hillsborough County to initiate a child care navigation pilot program for specialized care for children with disabilities. This is a two-year award for \$20,000 each year, with a dollar-for-dollar or in-kind match. The funding announcement is expected in April. Any continued funding is based on the federal budget.
3. An application submitted by Boley Centers, Inc. to the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide supportive services to veteran families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Partners include the Homeless Emergency Project, the Shepherd Center, Operation PAR, and 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares. JWB will participate as a member of a community committee, and also will conduct the program evaluation. The funding announcement is expected in June.