



Board of Directors Meeting

May 10, 2012

Minutes – April 12, 2012

Item II.A.

PRESENT: Elise Minkoff, Chair; Maria Edmonds, Vice Chair; Brian Aungst, Jr.; Honorable Bob Dillinger; Judge Raymond Gross; Honorable Bernie McCabe; Raymond Neri; Angela Rouson; Commissioner Karen Seel; Attorney Colleen Flynn

ABSENT: Dr. James Sewell; Dr. John Stewart

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Minkoff called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Honorable Bernie McCabe.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes for March 8, 2012
- B. Accept Financial Report for March 2012
- C. Approve Wealth Building Coalition Contribution

ACTION: Mr. McCabe moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Mrs. Edmonds. No further discussion; motion carried.

III. ACTION

- A. Request Approval: Investment Strategies

Mrs. Lancaster informed the Board Members that the Investment Strategy Proposal had been distributed to them today in their packet. Mrs. Lancaster invited Sue Walterick, JWB's Finance Director to the podium. Ms. Walterick stated that the JWB staff and Finance Committee are recommending investment strategy redistribution. She introduced the representatives from the investment entities: Eileen Guenther, BB&T Bank, Rob Catoe, and Andy Sinclair, Regions Bank, Chris Pham, Fifth Third Bank and Mike Moreno, Florida Trust. She then advised the Board that they were available to answer any questions.

Mrs. Lancaster indicated it is staff's recommendation to have a broader distribution of our investments to provide an extra measure of protection to our funds. A Resolution is included in the Board's packet, as part of a recommended Action, rather than just a Motion to approve. She then asked the Board to include a Motion to approve the Resolution.

ACTION: Mr. Dillinger moved to approve JWB's participation in the FLGIT Local Government Investment Pool and approve the Resolution 01-2012.

Mrs. Minkoff said she presumed Mr. Dillinger was approving diversification of JWB investments as well. Mr. Dillinger said he was going to move that separately. Mrs. Rouson seconded. No further discussion; motion carried.

Mr. Dillinger moved to approve diversifying our current JWB investments within the parameters that are outlined in the exhibit that is attached; seconded by Mr. Neri. No further discussion; motion carried.

Mrs. Minkoff thanked the bank representatives for the multiple presentations they have made to the Finance Committee and Sue Walterick for her hard work, as well as her 39 years of loyal service to JWB.

B. Request Approval: Contract with Children's Aid Society

Star Silver from the Office of Resource Development relayed the request to approve a contract with the Children's Aid Society, which provides technical assistance for the Carrera Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. It is a required element of the grant and the dollars are Federal funds. The request is to approve the contract which has been reviewed by JWB's attorney, Colleen Flynn. The amount of the Technical Assistance is \$89,927.00 for the year.

Mrs. Minkoff said the report indicates the Staff will provide a program report to the Board this summer and asked about the timing. Ms. Silver stated that it would be provided in July. Mr. Aungst said he would vote on the matter, but he would like to see the contract. Ms. Silver will provide it to him.

Ms. Silver stated that in July, JWB staff will provide more information to the Board related to program outcomes.

ACTION: Mr. McCabe moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign the Contract between the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Children's Aid Society; seconded by Mrs. Edmonds. No further discussion; motion carried.

C. North County Partnership for Quality Child Care

Mrs. Lancaster said this partnership was an exciting opportunity that has just arisen. The Board is very interested in addressing the needs of children at risk in the north County. The Pinellas County Community Development Department staff offers the potential to fund the renovation of a vacant north County elementary school, which then enables us to contract for high quality childcare slots both in north and south County. We might need to expend the dollars up front and be reimbursed through Community Development. (Cheryl Reed was expected to arrive shortly to answer any questions the Board might have.) This would be an extension of the Lew Williams Project.

Ultimately the goal would be to have five sites distributed throughout the County for high-quality childcare. JWB would have a three-way agreement with the school system and the County.

Ms. Sahulka said Cheryl Reed had indicated a project they were working on had not come to fruition, and asked if JWB could help expend these dollars before the end of the fiscal year. Some of the projects that were slated to begin did not get started and, rather than return funds it was recognized that there were other needs.

Commissioner Seel was in favor, but wanted to know where the monies weren't being expended. She felt the Commission should be aware of it. Since Ms. Reed had not yet arrived, Mr. McCabe suggested this item be deferred until she arrived.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. JWB Program Funding Strategies

Mrs. Lancaster called Lisa Sahulka to address the Program Funding Strategies. Staff would like the Board to reach a level of comfort about the parameters of the budget by June so the discussion in July is focused on passing the mileage rate for the TRIM notice. Any adjustments would be made between June and July. The goal is to present the budget, close in on the millage in the next couple of months and make adjustments as the Board directs. Ms. Sahulka has presented this to the Finance Committee as a preliminary draft. We are looking at a \$7M budget deficit from last fiscal year but are not proposing a millage increase. Instead the recommendation would be to right-size the budget.

Ms. Sahulka went over the numbers in the Family Services Pool. This funding pool is directly available to the community for families that are at risk, homeless, or families that need prevention services. JWB is not anticipating any increase to that fund. By October most of the providers would be accessing the Services Pool, however, they need to use the ISIS system and must go through training before they can access the pool. Mrs. Lancaster stated we plan to track utilization to make sure we have a sufficient variety of providers in the pool, and we are also tracking outcomes. Ms. Sahulka said this could be added to the fiscal report.

Mr. Dillinger said 211 indicated some agencies are not responding when they are trying to do the follow-up, and asked if the MOA requires the agency to respond and who is doing the tracking? Lisa said if an agency is not responding other agencies are willing to respond. 211 is entering into vendor agreements so there would be some limitations on certain items.

Mr. McCabe asked how many proposed budget scenarios will be provided to the Board. He recalled three last year and that it would be helpful because he would like to know what those figures would be.

The Board Chair noted Cheryl Reed arrived and circled back to the questions they had on the North County Partnership for Quality Child Care.

Cheryl Reed, Assistant Director of the Pinellas County Community Development Department stated the funds are federal community development block grant dollars from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Block grant funds were set aside a number of years ago for housing production activities and a request has not been made to spend those dollars. Community Development is looking to reallocate those funds into the Community Facilities Program, which makes grant funds available to grants such as this one.

Commissioner Seel asked if this should be come before the County Commission as a change in policy. Ms. Reed indicated she will take this to the Board, but the dollars need to be spent by the middle of summer.

ACTION: Judge Gross said we have all been very mindful of the needs in south County and many of our colleagues have also pointed out that the County is larger. There are risks in any action but there are also rewards and it would seem as if, the reward is acceptable. Judge Gross moved to authorize the Executive Director to submit a joint application with R'Club; seconded by Mr. Dillinger. No further discussion; motion carried.

Mrs. Minkoff requested that any memo or update submitted to the County Commission be copied to the Board Mr. Aungst asked that any discussion of the Board of County Commissioners be brought to the attention of our Chair or Mrs. Lancaster and they be given an opportunity to appear and speak.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Background Screening Policy

Mrs. Lancaster said she is getting back to the Board on their discussion at the March 8th meeting when the Request for Waiver of the Background Screening Policy was made. As the Board directed, staff reviewed all the pertinent information related to background screening (provided in their packet), and there is no recommendation that the policy be changed. This simply provides the information requested.

Mrs. Minkoff added that part of the intent was to circle back and provide the Board with some kind of summary and update with respect to our background screening policy. Ms. Osmundson asked to speak about the item, and informed the Board that one of her employees had been approved and one was still in the process. She read a sentence from the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence policy.

Mrs. Minkoff addressed Ms. Flynn, Board Attorney concerning her research on this. Ms. Flynn said most of the research was in the memo but as she stated last month, among our funded agencies, there are very few who would not be required by law to be Level 2 screened. There is no requirement right now in the law that certain individuals who work for Ms. Osmundson clear Level 2, however, it is our contractual requirement and JWB's Board policy that regardless what the law says, they need to clear Level 2. The vote last month was to retain that policy and this was additional information to support the policy. Ms. Flynn pointed out to the Board that the Legislature made additional changes two years ago, and did make the policy stricter for everyone.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Minkoff asked if there were any informational items the Board would like to pull out and discuss. No issues were raised.

VII. OPEN AGENDA

Judge Gross noted we have a second meeting this evening at JWB and it starts at 5:30 PM. Mrs. Lancaster reminded the Board it was a joint meeting with the Community Councils, and it is an opportunity for the Community Councils to interact with the Board members to talk about the various communities they represent. Mrs. Minkoff requested the Agenda be added to the DropBox.

VIII. ADJOURN

Judge Gross moved adjournment at 10:29 AM; seconded by Mrs. Rouson; no discussion; motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by:

Dr. James Sewell
Board Secretary

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