

## Regular Meeting 9/12/02

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

FROM: James E. Mills, Executive Director   
Lisa A. Sahulka, Director of Programs & Finance 

### Requested Action

At the suggestion of the Board, staff is requesting to transfer funding and oversight effective October 1, 2002 for the following four (4) programs to similar agencies and programs with comparable missions and services:

- Bethel Community Baptist Church – Black History Pageant
- Pinellas County African American History Museum – Florida African American Heritage Celebration
- Stageworks, Inc. – Great African Americans: Hear It! And Share It!
- Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) – Week Without Violence

### Options

1. Approve the request.
2. Deny the request.
3. Any other action the Board deems appropriate.

### Recommended Action

1. Transfer funding and contracts for \$5,000 for the Bethel Community Baptist Church – Black History Pageant and \$5,000 for the Pinellas County African American History Museum – Florida African American Heritage Celebration to the Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center (NFC) FY 02-03 program continuation budget.
2. Transfer the funding and contract for \$5,000 for the Stageworks - Great African Americans: Hear it! And Share It! Program to the City of St. Petersburg's Building Blocks FY 02-03 program continuation budget.
3. Combine the funding and contract for \$5,000 for the YWCA Initiative – Week Without Violence with the YWCA – PETTALS FY 02-03 program continuation budget.

### Source of JWB Funds

FY 2002-03 Community Development Fund.

### Fiscal Impact

The FY 02-03 Community Development Fund would be reduced by \$20,000, from \$25,000 to \$5,000. The FY 2002-03 Program Continuation Fund would be increased by \$20,000, from \$27,535,888, to \$27,555,888.

### Narrative

The Juvenile Welfare Board eliminated the Community Development Funding category during the budget process. At the July meeting the Board approved the FY 02-03 budget and also approved funding five (5) currently budgeted Community Development ongoing projects through FY 02-03. The programs are important to the community, and staff has arranged for them to be combined with the budgets of similar agencies and programs with comparable missions and services.

Staff recommends that the following projects be transferred to host agencies in FY 02-03:

**Bethel Community Baptist Church – Black History Pageant; and Pinellas County African American History Museum - Florida African American Heritage Celebration.**

The James B. Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center (NFC) has agreed to take fiduciary responsibility for these two events. The mission of these services is programmatically compatible with that of the Sanderlin NFC.

The James B. Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center (NFC) is a community-based organization located in south St. Petersburg. The center targets young families and families with children 0-5 years and utilizes their strengths and resources available in the neighborhood to empower the community and its residents. The NFC offers parenting skills, family support, GED, linkages to health and community care, child development activities, family literacy, employment guidance, community meetings and activities, childcare for parents while they are participating in the center's activities, outreach, and intergenerational activities.

The St. Petersburg Black History Pageant has been an annual event in the African –American community in St. Petersburg since 1974. Planning for the event is a year-long process. The pageant provides opportunities for African-American youth to develop and present their theatrical and creative talents. Parents and other members of the African-American community contribute significant time, talent, supervision, and support of the pageant.

The African-American Heritage Day is an annual event on the Pinellas County calendar. It is a full day of activities, celebrating the African-American culture and its many contributions to contemporary American society. Activities include workshops and performance of traditional African music and dance, story telling, historic lectures, and other spoken performances. The event includes a full day of Gospel Music performed by several of the County's African-American church choirs. In addition, performances by both area high school students and seasoned professional musicians celebrate the many forms of music that have evolved from those same African roots.

**Stageworks Hear It! And Share It!**

The City of St. Petersburg's Building Blocks program has agreed to act as fiscal agent for the Stageworks program, as Stageworks works extensively in St. Petersburg.

Stageworks is designed to educate Pinellas County middle and high school youth about the lives and personal philosophies of African-American & Civil Rights historical figures and to introduce them to live theater as performers. Actors/Coaches and other Stageworks staff train participants to perform a monologue of their choice. This training culminates in a public performance. Program participants become Civil Rights Ambassadors for their community by performing their monologues in schools, churches and in the community. The program is delivered throughout the fiscal year.

**YWCA's Week Without Violence**

Staff recommends combining the YWCA – P.E.T.T.A.L.S. program with the YWCA initiative - Week Without Violence. Participants in the P.E.T.T.A.L.S. program are actively involved in the Week Without Violence event.

P.E.T.T.A.L.S. is a youth development program for adolescents ages 10 – 16 residing in South St. Petersburg and Clearwater. The participants operate within a youth development framework through activities that provide solutions for issues in their community, such as collecting can goods, working with the Free Clinic, and collaborating with other initiatives including the Girls Summit with the Department of Juvenile Justice. The girls develop annual goals and meet once a week. Adults participate during the meetings as advisors and guides.

Week Without Violence (WWV) is part of the national YWCA initiative – Week Without Violence held in October each year. Planning for the event takes place throughout the fiscal year. WWV is a weeklong event that is planned and implemented by the YWCA - P.E.T.T.A.L.S youth program. It begins with a candlelight vigil. Each day activities that address issues of violence are held at various locations throughout the county. The project concludes six days later with a family/community celebration addressing non-violence and peaceful alternatives.

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