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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - May 3, 1979

PRESENT: Mr. Joseph R. Ponds, Jr., Vice Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Commissioner John Chesnut, Jr.; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Judge Robert F. Michael; Judge Jack A. Page; and Dr. Gus Sakkis. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Mr. Ponds presided in the absence of Dr. Coleman and opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Eckert presented the findings of the Personnel Committee, which met on April 25, 1979 to hear a grievance by Mr. Ted Hale. The Committee had decided to recommend to the full Juvenile Welfare Board that Mr. Hale be granted a 5% increment increase, retroactive to March 1, 1979. Mrs. Eckert said that after she talked to Mr. Markman she decided the word "increment" in the recommendation should be changed to "merit".

Judge Michael and Commissioner Chesnut arrived at the beginning of the above presentation.

Both Mr. Hale and Dr. Edwards responded to the questions of the Board.

MOTION Commissioner Chesnut moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to authorize that the grievance of Mr. Hale be denied.
Authorization
 to Deny
 Grievance Mrs. Herman and Mrs. Eckert opposed this motion.

Mr. Tim Baer, from PoliSystems, Inc., presented a plan for the creation of a separate campaign committee to work for approval by majority vote in a referendum to raise the statutory limitation authorized the Juvenile Welfare Board up to 1.0 mill. No tax dollars would be expended in such a campaign. The Board felt that more time was needed to discuss the advisability of a professional campaign and asked that this be continued as an item at the June meeting. Mr. Glackin stated that he would have to find an answer as to whether a professional campaign would be an appropriate activity to be associated with the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The Board congratulated Mr. Ponds upon his becoming a full lieutenant in the Coast Guard and Mrs. Herman on receiving the Athena Award for community service from Women In Communications, Inc.

Mr. Glackin mentioned that the Boyd house could now be removed from the property.

Mr. Glackin stated that the Board hearing to deal with the suspension of Charlene Bennett would be quasi-judicial and would be held at 9:30 a.m. on May 8, 1979.

Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Mr. Bob Cintia, Ms. Betty Smith and Ms. Chris Grondin from the Planning and Funding unit; Ms. Wanda Beck, Program Fiscal Monitor; and Mr. William M. Michaels, Research and Evaluation unit, joined the meeting.

MOTION Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve the items without exception as follow:
Approval of
 Items With-
 out Exception

- A. Approval of April 5, 1979 minutes.
- B. Ratification of telephone poll completed on April 17, 1979 - transfer of \$3,500 from Contingency to Community Services Capital Equipment to purchase video equipment.

MOTION
Approval of
Latchkey
Contract

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the recommendation of staff for the Juvenile Welfare Board to enter into a contract with the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services to provide funds up to the amount of \$3,485 to be used as local match for a Title XX contract in the amount of \$13,940, said funds to be submitted to the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services in the form of Certified Public Expenditure from funds allocated to the provider in its 1978/79 Juvenile Welfare Board allocation. The provider agency for this contract is Latchkey Services for School Age Children in Pinellas County, Inc. In accordance with the Board's policy, the Executive Director is authorized to sign this contract.

MOTION
Approval to
Include Citizens
Dispute Settlement
Program Funding
Request in Draft
Budget

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve including the request of the Citizens Dispute Settlement Program for \$15,000 (to support a part of the local match needed by the program) in the 1979-80 draft budget. The Board will consider at the June meeting the percentage to be used in handling juvenile cases if it chooses to include the Citizens Dispute Settlement Program in the final budget.

Mr. Meisner reviewed with the Board the 1979-80 program allocations recommendations.

Dr. Sakkis and Judge Page asked that staff place Protective Services and Emergency Shelter (Health and Rehabilitative Services programs) on a priority list to be considered in the 1979-80 draft budget.

MOTION
Approval to Include
San Antonio Boys
Village Request in
Draft Budget

Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve including the request of San Antonio Boys Village in the 1979-80 draft budget.

Dr. Sakkis opposed this motion.

Mr. Meisner indicated that in the final draft budget Program Development funds would probably be greater than in previous years; that amounts presently used for Tax Collector and Tax Assessor were estimated because the actual amounts are determined only after all county budgets are completed by applying the proportion of the Juvenile Welfare Board mill to the total; and that a few figures in the Community Services budget had been adjusted to give a total of \$353,328.

Because of time restraints, Mr. Markman agreed to hold his agenda items until the June 7th meeting.

Dr. Edwards distributed copies of HB 1096 (to authorize the Juvenile Welfare Board up to 1.0 mill subject to referendum), which is now in the Rules and Calendar Committee of the Senate.

Mr. Michaels notified the Board that the Juvenile Welfare Board has been invited to submit a proposal to participate in the National Family Impact Pilot Project. The Board asked that consideration of this item be postponed until the June 7th meeting.

For informational purposes the minutes of March 1, 1979 elaborating on transfer of banks, a letter to Representative Easley giving Board endorsement of a third juvenile judge and Dr. Edwards' quarterly activities report were included in the packet to the Board.

The conference room daily usage for April was 47.

Mrs. Herman said that she had attended the Sexual Abuse Workshop in April and that it was "marvelous".

Mr. Cintia told the Board that today was his last working day as a Board employee and that he was proud to have served with the Board.

Mr. Ponds declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be:

June 7, 1979 - Board meeting - adopt final 1979-80 program funding budget.

June 7-8, 1979 - Crisis Intervention Workshop, Caribbean Gulf Hotel, 430 Gulfview Blvd. So.
Clearwater Beach.

Sept. 6, 1979 - Board meeting - review agency agreements, schedule 1979-80 meetings.



Mrs. James D. Eckert
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