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## JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - March 1, 1979

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Joseph R. Ponds, Jr., Vice Chairman; Commissioner John Chesnut, Jr.; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Mrs. H.W. Holland; 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; Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Planning and Funding unit; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Dr. Coleman opened the meeting with prayer and then asked Dr. Edwards to act as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Eckert.

MOTION Mrs. Herman moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to ap-  
Approval of prove the minutes of February 8, 1979 as mailed.  
Minutes

Mr. Meisner reviewed the 1979-80 program funding requests with the Board. An approximate 7% increase in salary and in operational costs had been used in projecting funding of old programs, which would be in general conformance with state and federal guidelines. The staff arbitrarily included no new programs or expansions in this projection. Funding was included for four programs losing federal funding. Current projections indicate the Board will have funds available to continue funding, if it so chooses, all existing programs at their present level. Funds for new or expanded programs may only be available by discontinuing funding of some existing programs. Judge Page countered that he thought the relative merit of each program, whether old or new, should be considered. The Commissioner stated that he would like to see the old programs evaluated on the basis of their performance of the previous year. Mr. Meisner said a summary to that effect would be furnished the Board for the next meeting, along with preliminary recommendations. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board May 3 for their consideration in adopting the 1979-80 program funding budget.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve  
Approval to the recommendation of staff to table a request from the Juvenile Services  
Table Request Program for \$1,723 for local match until the April 5, 1979 meeting because  
of lack of time to study the request; however, any action taken on April 5,  
1979 could be effective as of March 1, 1979.

Mr. Markman informed the Board that he was still negotiating with the landlord of the up-county building in an effort to come to a satisfactory lease arrangement.

Mr. Markman stated that as of April 1, 1979 the Park Bank of Florida will be designated as the depository for Juvenile Welfare Board funds. The Park Bank has agreed to pay an amount equal to the 30-day treasury bill rate on our time deposit open account, which is one-half of one percent higher than we are now receiving. They have also offered to provide investment recommendations, a service we have never received or been offered by our current bank.

Dr. Sakkis arrived during the above discussion.

Dr. Edwards reported on the February 21, 1979 Legislative Delegation hearing. All twelve of the legislators present at that meeting voted to file the Juvenile Welfare Board bill increasing the statutory limitation of the Board up to 1.0 mill to support services to or in behalf of children. The bill allows the Board to establish the date to coincide with any regular primary or general election. No other changes were presented by the Delegation. Early April consideration of the bill in Tallahassee is expected.

MOTION  
Approval of  
Co-Sponsorship  
of Adolescent  
Workshop

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to follow the recommendation of Dr. Edwards to approve the co-sponsorship of the Adolescent Workshop with Comprehensive Mental Health Services.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that the next meeting, April 5, 1979, will be held in the conference room at the Juvenile Detention Center.

The conference room daily usage for February 1979 was 66.

MOTION  
Approval for  
Promotion of  
Staff

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to promote the Accounting Clerk I to the position of Accounting Clerk II (Ms. Pamela Dryden - to Grade 33 step 1 - \$9,903.09), effective March 1, 1979.

Dr. Sakkis left the room.

MOTION  
Approval to  
Accept Report  
of Fee Study  
Committee

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to accept the report and the recommendations of the Marriage and Family Counseling Fee Study Committee with thanks and appreciation, including the following options:

1. To continue operating the Marriage and Family Counseling program as is without a fee system, letting it be known to clients that contributions are welcomed.
2. Implement a voluntary fee system in which the counselor and client decides, with the help of some written guidelines, what a reasonable fee might be for the client for the services rendered if he so chooses to pay a fee.
3. Implement a voluntary contribution system with guidelines as in option 2., but present it only to those clients with incomes above a certain level, such as \$10,000 annual income.

Dr. Edwards said that he would work with the Fee Study Committee to develop guidelines to bring back to the Board.

Mr. Glackin left the meeting, and Dr. Sakkis returned.

Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame, Coordinator of the Marriage and Family Counseling unit, introduced three new counselors to the Board: Mr. Bob Glenn and Mrs. Gail Glenn, Marriage and Family Counselors, and Dr. R.J. Doody, Outreach Counselor. Each counselor gave a brief description of a unique service provided by the Marriage and Family Counseling unit to families and to staff who work with children.

Mrs. Holland left the meeting during the above presentation.

Dr. Edwards announced that Mrs. Dame was to be honored on March 8, 1979 as the 1979 Pinellas County Social Worker of the Year by the Tampa Bay Unit of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc.

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: April 5, 1979 - Review 1979-80 program funding preliminary recommendations.

- April 18-19, 1979 - Discretionary Board review of funding requests.  
May 3, 1979 - Review for adoption 1979-80 program funding.  
June 7, 1979 - Last meeting before September.  
September 6, 1979 - Review 1979-80 agreements.

  
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Raymond L. Edwards, Ph.D., Acting Secretary