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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - February 9, 1978

Present: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Vice Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Judge Jack A. Page; Dr. Gus Sakkis; and Commissioner Joseph Wornicki. 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.

Dr. Coleman opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Holland presented a plaque to Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame in recognition of her thirty years of loyal and dedicated service to the Board.

MOTION

Approval of
Items With-
out Exception

Mrs. Mullins moved, and Commissioner Wornicki seconded a motion which carried to approve the items without exception as follow:

- A. Minutes of January 12, 1978 and authorization for Dr. Edwards to sign in the absence of the secretary.
- B. Telephone poll completed on January 23, 1978, which authorized Dr. Edwards to increase the allocation to Pinellas Youth Homes' Secure Shelter Program by \$1,500 - from \$56,100 starting March 1, 1978, to \$57,600 starting February 1, 1978, in order to hire the Program Supervisor as of February 1, 1978.

MOTION

Authorization
to Continue
Time Deposit
Arrangement

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to continue the present Time Deposit arrangement (6½% per annum) with Central Plaza Bank for the remainder of this fiscal year.

The Board recommended that one copy of the quarterly financial statement be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court to be made available upon request to the Board of County Commissioners and the County Administrator.

Conference room average daily usage for January was 65, and the corrected usage for December is 57.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that nine local workshops on various subjects led by local professionals have been organized by the Juvenile Welfare Board Community Services Training Unit for February and March. Also, staff has participated with the Junior Leagues of Clearwater and St. Petersburg and the Pinellas County League of Women Voters in organizing the four "Children of Change" programs, also in February and March.

Dr. Edwards and the Community Services Staff will be visiting Camp E-How-Kee on March 15. Dr. Edwards asked any Board members to contact him if they would be interested in accompanying staff on this visit.

Dr. Edwards asked the Board to be aware of the dates of the next meetings listed at the end of the agenda. These meetings are crucial to planning and funding for the next fiscal year.

Dr. Edwards noted that Senator Sayler was sponsoring Senate Bill No. 252, which authorizes any local governing authority to adjust the budget of any special district which is not

governed by an elected body and which is located solely within the boundaries of such local governing authority.

Mr. Markman introduced Mr. John Swanson, an engineer from Banks Supply Company, who discussed the bids which had been received on the irrigation system.

Dr. Sakkis arrived during the above discussion, and Commissioner Wornicki left before the motion was made.

MOTION Mrs. Mullins moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to accept
Approval to the low bid on the irrigation system which was presented by Custom Sprinklers
Accept Low Bid by Don in the amount of \$7,444.56.

Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Planning and Funding Consultant, joined the meeting to explain the Pinellas Youth Homes request and the Family Counseling Center's funding problem for the Homemaker Program for non-Title XX children.

MOTION Dr. Sakkis moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve
Approval to a revised budget for Pinellas Youth Homes to include an additional \$12,413
Grant PYH and an advance of up to \$4,604 to cover purchase of equipment expenses, with
Request the stipulation that such funds as can be should be recovered from client
fees, purchase of service fees, or funds received from any source not other-
wise encumbered. These funds are to come from Program Development.

Mr. Meisner explained the problems Family Counseling Center is having with the shortage of funds for Homemaker Services for children who are ineligible for Title XX funding. Additionally, Title XX funding is scheduled to terminate June 30, 1978 because subject funds have not been placed in the state Health & Rehabilitative Services budget. Dr. Edwards has informed the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation of this dilemma. Dr. Edwards explained that he was authorized to transfer the money needed for one month for the Homemaker Service from another program line item within Family Counseling Center, but that he wanted the Board to understand that this action would buy services for only one month. Family Counseling Center undoubtedly would have to return next month for the additional help or the non-Title XX Homemaker program would have to be curtailed or eliminated.

Mr. Ted Hale, Public Affairs Officer; Ms. Charlene Bennett, Training Consultant; Mr. Will Michaels, Research and Evaluation Consultant; Ms. Doris Kelly, Research and Evaluation Technician I; and Ms. Betty Pratten, Clerk Typist II, joined the meeting.

Mr. Hale presented the Board members with copies of the new annual report and stated that there were just under 5,000 names on the mailing list. Dr. Coleman congratulated Mr. Hale on the very fine job he did in preparing the latest report.

Mr. Michaels reviewed the recommended changes in the State of the Child Plan.

Judge Page expressed a desire that the Sheriff's office be reached in an effort to have that office incorporate the program of the St. Petersburg Police Department in dealing with youth as spelled out in Rationale/Status of Recommendation No. 501, State of the Child Plan. Dr. Sakkis suggested minor changes in No. 115.

Mrs. Mullins left during this discussion, after asking Judge Page to act as her proxy in the State of the Child Plan motion.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to adopt
Adoption of the State of the Child Plan (Recommendations of the Juvenile Welfare Board
State of the for Improving the Juvenile Welfare System in Pinellas County, Florida - 1978)
Child Plan as prepared by the Juvenile Welfare Board's Community Services staff. (Attached
to minutes as addendum.)

Judge Page cast an affirmative vote for Mrs. Mullins.

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be at 9:30 a.m. as follow:

- March 9, 1978 - Staff initial review of 78-79 program funding applications;
- April 13 - Staff preliminary program funding recommendations;
- April 19 & 20 - Agency presentations to the Juvenile Welfare Board;
- April 27 - Agency presentations (if necessary);
- May 11 - Tentative decisions on 78-79 program funding;
- June 8 - Adopt final 78-79 program funding budget;
- June 9 - If needed to complete 78-79 budget;
- July-August - No meetings scheduled;
- September 14 - Review annual agreements.



Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary