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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY
Regular Meeting of November 14, 1991

MINUTES

Present: Thomas R. Moriarty, Chair; Charles A. Felton, Vice Chair; Arlene Diaco, Secretary; Jack A. Page; Frank B. Diamond, Jr., M.D.; Jacquelynne Jones; James E. Mills, Executive Director; Amy Daly, Executive Assistant

Mr. Moriarty called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MOTION: Mr. Felton moved and Ms. Diaco seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the agenda for the November 14, 1991 meeting.
Approve Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Diaco moved and Mr. Felton seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the minutes for the October 10, 1991 meeting.
Approve Minutes

MOTION: Judge Page moved and Dr. Diamond seconded a motion which carried unanimously to allocate \$17,610 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters One-to-One Match Program from the Ongoing Contingency Fund. This request will reduce the Fiscal Year 1991-92 Ongoing Contingency Fund by \$17,610 from \$100,000 to \$82,390.
Big Bros./Big Sisters

MOTION: Dr. Diamond moved and Mr. Felton seconded a motion which carried unanimously to approve the addition of \$26,756 of non-JWB funds to the Fiscal Year 1991-92 Pinellas County License Board program budget to cover salary, fringe and operating expenses for the Administrative Specialist II position and to approve the addition of an Administrative Specialist II (PG 15) to the staff of the Pinellas County License Board licensing program. This request will have no fiscal impact on the JWB Fiscal Year 1991-92 ad valorem budget as funds are provided by an HRS contract.
Lic. Bd.-Add Rev./ Add Pos.

Mr. Mills then introduced a Concept Paper on New and Expanded Funding for 1991-92 which proposes allocating \$200,000 to a new program which would serve identified families in a holistic fashion (Total Family Strategy), whereby a combination of existing resources currently utilized for clinical counseling and new resources would be allocated to the new program totaling \$600,000; \$300,000 for funding one of several suggested high impact community initiatives; and \$100,000 for waiting list reduction. Mr. Mills explained that staff was looking for Board comments and suggestions as to which areas of the proposal the Board may wish staff to further develop for New and Expanded funding recommendations. Comment was solicited from the Board and the public. Mr. Mills indicated that written comment on the proposal had been received and copies were at the Board Members' places.

Thomas Riggs, Executive Director of Directions for Mental Health, was first to address the Board. He expressed appreciation for being part of the planning process for the proposed Total Family Strategy and that he felt the strategy was a sound concept. His reservations centered on reducing funding for office based services and on the 6 month-one year time period recommended for intervention.

Randy Ratliff, Operation PAR, asked that when allocating funding for the Total Family Strategy, consideration be given to agencies who have pursued Federal grants; that flexibility being allowed in the model design and that the final document contain clear goals. He requested clarification of the design characteristic which recommended employment of professional and paraprofessional staff differentially in team models, preferably with professional social work direction.

Norma Rienhardt, Executive Director of the Suncoast Center for Community Mental Health, expressed concern about an implied assumption that outpatient services are not valuable.

Susan Casserta, a Recreational Therapist for the City of St. Petersburg and a member of the YSAC Daycare and Early Childhood Committee, asked that consideration of New and Expanded funding be given to specialized day care for children who currently do not fit into existing programs.

Anthony Traynor and Bun Hap Prak requested that New and Expanded funding be made available to the Southeast Asian Community.

Dick Murdock, Executive Director of Family Services Centers, emphasized that outpatient services serve people well and expressed concern about allocating a portion of existing funding to the Total Family Strategy concept. He also expressed appreciation for being included in the planning process.

Susan Randall, Program Administrator-CYF for the Department of HRS, recommended that the Juvenile Welfare Board work closely with HRS in the utilization of funding in the areas of Juvenile Justice and substance abuse in light of the HRS reorganization.

Comments and questions from the Board on the Total Family Strategy centered on the amount of dollars allocated to each agency involved and whether it would be enough to impact service delivery; what the impact would be on services currently being delivered; and the need for the four counseling agencies to better coordinate their services. The Board recommended that staff meet again with the four counseling agencies to determine the details of the Total Family Strategy.

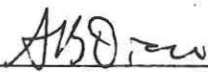
Following a discussion on the Part II. High Impact Community Initiatives and Part III. Waiting List Reduction of the Concept Paper, the Board supported waiting list reduction but would like more detailed information on the number of families currently on waiting lists to determine the adequacy of the proposed allocation. Of the alternatives presented under Part II. High Impact Community Initiatives, the Board indicated a preference for either Alternative 2 - Long Term Support of Families at High Risk of Child Abuse or Alternative 3 - Long Term Support of High Risk Families.

Dr. Diamond requested that JWB staff meet with representatives of the Southeast Asian Community and report to the Board of this population's needs.

Informational Items included a presentation by Ms. Stanfield on upcoming legislation; the YSAC Quarterly Report and Program of Work; the JWB United Way Campaign Report; a C.A.R.E.S Update; Public Policy Workshop Evaluation; Financial Report for October; Site Visit Schedule; Staff Development and Training and Media Items. During presentation of the Personnel Report for October, Mr. Mills introduced two new staff members, Carrie Sanders and Cassandra Butler. In response to a question from Ms. Diaco, the School Board has agreed to handle the surplus sale of the remaining items in the JWB inventory after funded agencies have had an opportunity to claim needed items.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Felton moved that the meeting adjourn at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Arlene Diaco, Secretary