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## Board of Directors Meeting

November 14, 2013

Minutes – October 10, 2013

Item II.A.

**PRESENT:** Maria Edmonds, Chair; Dr. James Sewell, Vice-Chair; Brian Aungst, Jr., Secretary; Honorable Bob Dillinger; Dr. Michael Grego; Judge Raymond Gross; Honorable Bernie McCabe; Michael Mikurak; Raymond Neri; Attorney Colleen Flynn

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Karen Seel, Angela Rouson

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Edmonds called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Judge Gross.

### II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mrs. Edmonds acknowledged the accomplishments, service, and commitment of the immediate past Board Chair, Elise Minkoff. The Board appreciated her wisdom and insight said it was a pleasure working with her.

### III. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approve Minutes for September 12, 2013
- B. Accept Financial Report for September 2013
- C. Approve Minutes for September 3, 2013 First TRIM Hearing
- D. Approve Minutes for September 11, 2013 Final TRIM Hearing
- E. Request Approval: Appointment of Community Council Member
- F. Public Comment Procedures

Mrs. Edmonds asked if anyone wanted to pull a consent item for discussion.

Mr. Dillinger wanted to speak about Item III.F. Public Comment Procedures.

Ms. Debra Prewitt approached the podium and explained the changes were a result of legislation SB 50 that was passed this past session. It was determined that neither the statute nor the constitution speaks to the issue of the public's right to speak at an open meeting. In consultation with Attorney Colleen Flynn, the procedures for speaking to the Board have been revised and public comment cards are available for any guests who wish to speak on an action item before an action is taken.

Mr. Dillinger asked for clarification, specifically that the change only impacts action items.

Ms. Prewitt: Only action items.

Mr. McCabe asked if the Board had to invite comments.

Ms. Flynn said the Board only has to provide the community the opportunity to speak.

Mr. McCabe asked if the Board has to ask for comment before every action item.

Mrs. Flynn said she will only interject if she has been given a completed comment card.

**ACTION: Dr. Sewell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Dillinger. No further discussion; motion carried.**

#### **IV. ACTION**

##### **A. Approve Public Consulting Group (PCG) Revenue Maximization Contract**

Mrs. Sue Walterick introduced Mr. Richard Whipple the Project Manager of PCG. Mr. Whipple explained that PCG has partnered with JWB over the past four years to work with locally funded providers to help access Medicaid revenue. Specifically, they work with the family support programs in Pinellas County which currently includes Healthy Families, Children's Home, Total Families Strategies Program at Suncoast Center, and in the 2013/2014 Nurse Family Partnership. PCG provides on-site visits, help with case files and submission of the Medicaid claims. He also explained that expenses and revenues over the past four years indicate that for every dollar claimed, JWB receives two dollars of additional revenue.

Mr. Dillinger: How is it just targeted case management? Is it the new program through PEHMS that is targeting children who have mental health issues and can this funding help that?

Mr. Whipple said this would be a possibility for PEHMS if they were interested.

Mrs. Edmonds asked if there were any more questions. Hearing none, she called for approval.

**ACTION: Mr. Dillinger moved to approve the Public Consulting Group (PCG) Revenue Maximization Contract; seconded by Dr. Sewell. No further discussion; motion carried.**

##### **B. Approve Advance to Coordinated Child Care**

No discussion. Mrs. Edmonds called for approval.

**ACTION: Mr. Dillinger moved to approve the Advance to Coordinated Child Care; seconded by Dr. Sewell. No discussion; motion carried.**

##### **C. Accept Project LAUNCH Grant Revenue**

Mr. Neri began the discussion by saying he had attended a couple of the Project LAUNCH grant meetings and they had worked on the grant for a year and then it was rejected. He asked what JWB is funding.

Ms. Prewitt explained the funding comes from a federal grant with a state and local component, along with technical assistance from Washington, DC. The planning grant began in October 2012 and the state received budget authority for the funding in January 2013. The team is working with consultants to align the local and state objectives. It is a continuous quality improvement process to update the goals and objectives to make sure they fit the needs of the community which is considered the Lealman corridor that this grant is serving.

Mr. Neri said he is concerned about overlap, and about funding existing services.

Ms. Prewitt said Mr. Neri's sentiment is shared by some of the providers. The original goal of the grant was to come into communities with services and connect them for a continuum of care.

Mr. Neri stated that no one has approached anyone in Lealman to find out what they need. He continued: "The last people who get a say are the community people you are going to serve."

Ms. Prewitt: One of the main providers in this project is the Community Health Centers for Pinellas which is the federally qualified health center. They are one of the main providers of health services in that community and they are including their clients in this program.

Mr. Dillinger said the memo reads: "Staff is requesting the Board to increase last year's budget up to \$50,000." He asked "what are we getting for \$50,000? Is that our money or federal money?"

Ms. Prewitt responded that it is a subcontract with Central Florida that is federal dollars. It pays for a consultant that has assisted them this first year. The intent of this grant is that JWB would continue with oversight and community training for years two through five. JWB is now in the process of asking DCF to take on that role and transfer that contract.

Mr. Dillinger asked how the Board can change last year's budget.

Mrs. Walterick said: "In order for us to continue, we must increase the TRIM budget to accept additional revenues for transparency. We can increase the budget."

Mr. Aungst said in reading the Agenda item it says "Accept Project LAUNCH Grant Revenue of up to \$50,000" which led him to believe JWB was getting a grant up to \$50,000.

Ms. Prewitt said JWB functions as a subcontractor for the federal grant.

Mr. Aungst: So the money that we are increasing the budget with is federal money we received but we didn't receive it in time.

Ms. Prewitt: As a result of delays in getting the contract signed, we had a delay in sending out invoices and then receiving those dollars back.

Mr. Mikurak asked: "What is the \$50,000 for?"

Ms. Prewitt said: "The \$50,000 is for a project consultant to serve in the local community."

Mr. Mikurak asked if the person was new or an add-on and when did they find out they needed this additional support.

Mrs. Walterick explained that in the original grant application a FTE consultant was requested, but the grantor changed that to a contract position.

Mr. Mikurak asked why it is \$50,000 more.

Ms. Prewitt said the \$50,000 was never allocated in the JWB FY 2012/2013 budget.

Mr. Mikurak asked if we received the \$50,000.

Ms. Prewitt explained that JWB is in a reimbursement subcontract and needs to show the accounting on the books.

Mr. Mikurak asked if more money is needed in the future.

Ms. Prewitt responded that the probability was good before the government shut down. The grantor employees are considered non-essential personnel and currently not working.

Mr. Neri suggested the item be tabled until the Board receives exact numbers.

Mr. Aungst asked what the impact would be of not approving this \$50,000 today.

Mrs. Walterick said her concern is JWB's transparency for the auditors who will be visiting in November and December.

Ms. Prewitt said once JWB closes out FY 2012/2013, this will be the last invoice.

Mr. Aungst asked if there would be any impact on the program.

Ms. Prewitt: No

Mr. McCabe asked if any of the money has come in.

Mrs. Walterick responded that JWB has received approximately \$12,000.

Mr. McCabe said: "We're stuck." He asked Mr. Neri to withdraw the motion on the table and he made the motion to approve it.

Dr. Sewell seconded it.

Mr. Dillinger said he is uncomfortable with the situation.

Ms. Flynn reminded the Board that the grant money is not based on tax revenue.

Mrs. Walterick said we may be over budget if we don't make the change.

Mr. Mikurak asked if the money was or was not budgeted. He asked: “How can we say we budgeted it?”

Ms. Prewitt said the grant funds are unanticipated revenue, not JWB money.

Mr. Neri reluctantly withdrew his motion.

Dr. Sewell said a better explanation was needed than what was written in the Board memo.

Mrs. Edmonds asked for a motion.

**ACTION: Mr. McCabe moved to accept Project LAUNCH Grant Revenue; seconded by Dr. Sewell. No further discussion; motion carried.**

## V. DISCUSSION

### Homeless Point-In-Time Survey

Dr. Biddleman began the discussion by explaining that just like the LAUNCH grant, the Homeless Point-in-Time Survey is something that JWB is not supposed to be doing. She said: “We should support these projects, but not assume responsibility for them.”

She continued to explain that JWB’s analysis of the Homeless Leadership Board’s (HLB) Point-in-Time Survey was intended to be temporary. In order to get the project completed, JWB staff met with 2-1-1 to set up a schedule that turned out to be complicated. If the schedule is followed appropriately, JWB could complete the analysis in a timely manner, get the reports completed, and in doing so the County can receive dollars for all the homeless population.

Dr. Biddleman indicated she spoke with Ms. Flynn about the fact that the survey includes all homeless, not just children and families. Dr. Biddleman went to the Executive Committee of the Homeless Leadership Board on October 3 and spoke about her hesitation to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with them. The main problems are missing data, late data, recruitment of volunteers, and the crunch time to complete the analysis.

Dr. Biddleman said JWB is a homeless advocate and, as a good steward of JWB’s money, the analysis of the Homeless Point-in-Time Survey is not a good investment. She wanted the Board to discuss how to move forward.

Last year, JWB had a \$20,000 investment in the evaluation and oversight. This year, the \$20,000 is for the HLB’s Executive Director’s salary. JWB has \$20,000 invested, but should we continue to carry the responsibility for the report, and the evaluation of the data for 2014? JWB has one staff person who spends a couple hundred hours on the analysis and report. Dr. Biddleman said she is concerned about the fidelity of the data and what money comes into Pinellas based on that data?

Mr. Dillinger commented that a HLB member delivered unwarranted comments that JWB is not protecting privacy rights. He is concerned that JWB is helping out, but getting something put back in our faces and that is wrong.

Mr. Neri commented: JWB is a great target to be all things for everybody. If we continue to do that, we are not going to be able to help anybody. It is a slippery slope that scares him.

Dr. Grego said the accuracy of the homeless count is an area of concern. He asked how other communities deal with homeless counts and carry the load.

Dr. Biddleman said JWB staff researched other models and provided the information to HLB. In most cases, universities and schools do the surveys with a pool of 400-500 volunteers and a volunteer manager. The Tampa Bay area has wonderful schools that could take over the effort, along with the analysis and fidelity to the model.

Dr. Grego responded that University of South Florida Tampa (USF) and University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) is the better way to go.

Mrs. Edmonds asked if there were any comments from the public.

Commissioner Rick Butler from the City of Pinellas Park and the HLB asked if JWB offers \$20,000 plus in-kind services.

Dr. Biddleman said it is around \$25,000 to \$30,000 of in-kind services.

Commissioner Butler continued to explain that in the sense of collaboration HLB has 3.5 employees and partnerships with a lot of providers. The focus this year is families with children. He said there is a spirit of collaboration, but last year mistakes were made. The HLB has 400 volunteers to interview homeless people who aren't that accommodating. He said if they have to, the HLB will find someone else to analyze the data. The 3.5 employees can't do it.

Mr. McCabe offered what he called an "editorial" comment: "A total of \$41M comes into Pinellas County for homeless services. If there is \$41M, there should be money to complete the count and the analysis."

Mr. Butler said the HLB oversees the money and that money goes to providers.

Mr. McCabe responded that the providers depend on the count.

Ms. Carlen Petersen, the chair of HLB said lessons were learned last year and the HLB is looking for a proactive approach. She said: "It is not an easy thing to do, depending on volunteers." Ms. Petersen explained this is a federally required community count of unsheltered homeless in Pinellas County.

Mr. McCabe asked if the count impacts the amount of money received. If so, the providers need to contribute to the cause to get their money.

Ms. Peterson concluded: "This is a community-wide issue that is being addressed."

Ms. Sarah Snyder, the HLB Executive Director addressed Mr. McCabe's concerns. She said the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires an annual count. The funding is pro-rated and the local share is based on the total population and the poverty level. HUD wants the numbers to go down and the money is intended for permanent housing. The local providers use the information when applying for competitive grants. Florida made many cuts to funding for the homeless continuum. The tobacco settlement provides \$10M for homeless. The \$40M figure Mr. McCabe mentioned is actually less than \$34M.

Ms. Snyder continued: The one-day count tallied approximately 6,600 homeless people. That is equal to 23,000 homeless residents each year in Pinellas County. According to the 2-1-1 data report, over 12,000 homeless people [per year] received services through 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc.

Mr. McCabe commented: “If the numbers don’t matter, make a good guess, and move on.”

Ms. Snyder said Pinellas County receives more money because of the size of its population.

Mr. Mikurak asked if there was more being done by JWB other than the one-day count.

Dr. Biddleman said the survey is done in one day but all of the work that JWB is doing is done in the weeks and months afterwards.

Mr. Mikurak said the count is not a core competency of the JWB.

Dr. Biddleman: No, it is not.

Mr. Mikurak said it would be a better collaboration if JWB can help find the right group to come up with an accurate count.

Michael Raposa, Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul in downtown St. Petersburg and member of the HLB said JWB’s value is direct access to the school system data. The value of the service involves 38 nonprofit agencies who provide services to the homeless with less than an 8-10 percent profit margin. He said: “If the philosophy was to ask providers to do the count, we would have to cut back on our services, which is feeding people. We are approximately 90 days from rolling out another count and we would be set up for failure if we had to complete the analysis piece. The count of 4,000-6,000 homeless people in Pinellas does matter. He asked that JWB support the 2014 count, then make changes.”

Judge Gross asked if the purpose of this discussion item was to lead to an action item.

Dr. Biddleman said she wants to know if the Board wants her to sign the HLB MOU and move forward. JWB is not withdrawing its support or the \$20,000 contract. She is asking that JWB no longer take responsibility for the analysis.

Judge Gross thanked Dr. Biddleman for raising a timely issue. He said he senses the Board does not want to leave the HLB “high & dry”. In the future, since the project does not go to our core values, and is outside JWB’s comfort and financial zone, changes can be made. At the present time, the discussion does not call for a vote.

Mr. Dillinger commented that he did not want to “pull the rug out”. He also indicated that the count is only required every two years. He suggested JWB help HLB in 2014 but HLB will need to find another organization to take responsibility for the analysis in 2015.

Mr. Neri commented that he is concerned for the homeless children. He asked if we know how many children are homeless and that these homeless children should be on JWB’s radar.

Mr. McCabe: JWB has no problem getting into these situations, but we have problems getting out.

Dr. Sewell recommended looking over the contracts harder. He also has concerns about some of JWB's collaborations.

Mrs. Edmonds summarized that JWB will complete the analysis of the HLB Point-in-Time Survey in 2014, not in 2015.

Dr. Biddleman stated that Mrs. Flynn and she will review the MOU. Dr. Biddleman will distribute a copy of the proposed MOU to the Board. She understands that JWB will continue with the 2014 commitment. She will also look carefully at JWB's commitments to identify the work that is appropriate for JWB.

Mr. Dillinger asked that the HLB Homeless Point-in-Time Survey be an Action item at the January or February Board meeting.

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Eckerd Community Alternatives: Community-Based Care Lead Agency Scorecard**

Ms. Lorita Shirley, Chief of Community Based Care presented a historical overview of the Community-Based Care Lead Agency Scorecard. The Department of Children and Families originally released a scorecard ranking community based care agencies (CBC) in September 2011. The Sixth Circuit, Pinellas and Pasco Counties, were 5<sup>th</sup> in the state out of 20 CBC agencies. It was soon learned that the scorecard captured inconsistencies in how all the CBCs were entering data. The Sixth Circuit ended up 8<sup>th</sup> in the state at the end of the last fiscal year.

The Sixth Circuit has an unprecedented number of children entering child welfare because of the impact of prescription drug abuse by parents. It is also the lowest funded CBC in the state. Staff turnover caused delays in data entry which resulted in a \$2.5M budget shortfall. DCF then decided to base the scorecard on true outcome measures, not process indicators. The Sixth Circuit was ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in June 2013 and 19<sup>th</sup> in July 2013 because of new performance measures.

Other challenges included slotting \$2.5M to make up the deficit and invested \$1.8M for diversion. Efforts were made to increase the capacity of case managers. Turnover spiked at 80% and the number one concern was work life balance for the workers. The Sixth Circuit established contracts for after-hours support so the workers could have time for their families.

Ms. Shirley said: "We had a bad year and it will take several years to overcome the problems and they are far from over." They have \$1.8M in non-recurring funding to address the problem.

She then continued with comparisons and examples of how the Sixth Circuit ranks with other CBCs. She said DCF is receiving challenges about the validity of the scorecard from CBCs throughout the state. DCF is working with the Casey Family Foundation to release a new scorecard in January 2014. The CBCs are working aggressively to address the scorecard inconsistencies. Conference calls are held every Monday morning to review the weekly statistical report.

Mr. Dillinger questioned the equity among the circuits.

Ms. Shirley responded that equity is a statewide issue.

Dr. Sewell asked Ms. Shirley to talk about child welfare services and the communications process.

Ms. Shirley said we are unique in the Suncoast Region in general because here under the purview of Mike Carroll, DCF Regional Director for the Suncoast Region, we have four law enforcement entities, the Office of Attorney General, the State Attorney and four CBCs.

She said there is a partnership with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and a strong collaboration in the Sixth Circuit with Eckerd.

Dr. Sewell asked how the sheriff and state attorney's office is targeting issues.

Ms. Shirley said in the Sixth Circuit there are 25 children per case manager.

Dr. Sewell asked if the Sixth Circuit was collaborating with St. Petersburg College (SPC) or the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) for future case workers.

Ms. Shirley said there was a partnership with USFSP to refer bachelor level social workers and there is a plan to reach out to Dr. Law at SPC.

Dr. Sewell asked about the after hour support.

Ms. Shirley said with after hour support, the case workers could go home and the contract providers could help with cases after hours.

Dr. Sewell said there are tremendous inequities between funding and services and attempts to make changes have not been successful as they should have been.

Ms. Prewitt said years ago JWB took a legislative priority position to get equity, but Dr. Sewell indicated the state took extra dollars and gave it to underperforming CBCs. It made their inequity better, but it took the money away from someone else.

Mr. McCabe said the inequity was not invented a few years ago; it has a long history.

Ms. Shirley said the problem has been from day one that the Sixth Circuit is the lowest funded, but the second largest service area.

Judge Gross asked about Eckerd as the lead agency with Lutheran Services providing day-to-day services. He asked if Hillsborough and Pinellas had the same providers and if a scorecard is maintained for each provider similar to the scorecard that Eckerd is held accountable to, and if so how are they performing.

Ms. Shirley said they do have one provider in the Sixth Circuit (Pasco/Pinellas) and Thirteenth Circuit (Hillsborough) and that is Youth and Family Alternatives (YFA). Lutheran Services and Directions for Living is only in Pinellas County. They took the Sixth Circuit system and replicated it in Hillsborough County and the data is stratified by agency.

Mr. Brian Bostick said the best performing agency was YFA in Pasco County, then Directions for Living, and Lutheran Services was the third performing agency based on scorecard metrics.

Ms. Shirley said when you look at any CBC, Florida is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation. She asked: Do we rank the CBC or just share their performance? Ms. Shirley said they will get the stratification of the agencies to the Board.

Mr. Aungst asked what message we are sending with a scorecard. He believes ranking gives the perception of poor performance even if you meet all standards.

Mr. Neri asked why local performance isn't compared with national performance.

Ms. Shirley said those are conversations that are currently being held and she would get back to the Board with additional information. The scorecard is flawed by small variances in performance.

Judge Gross said these numbers are great but they only give a telescopic vision of what is happening. Pinellas County still continues to have a huge problem with children being removed and placed across the state. Children who are removed need to be within the county in which they are removed to allow visitation to take place with their families. Turnover of caseworkers is an ongoing continuous problem and failure of the caseworkers to appear in court. Being able to maintain and place children in this County is among the highest priority we have.

Ms. Shirley said she will include a Placement Report in the Board packet. She is only aware of children being placed out of the circuit for health or mental health issues.

Dr. Sewell asked about placing siblings together.

Ms. Shirley said there are protocols to place siblings together. It is only a problem when there are five or six children in one family. There is also a protocol not to place children under the age of 13 in residential facilities. She said she would include a sibling report on the Placement Report.

Mr. Neri asked if there will be information identifying why a child was placed out of the district.

Ms. Shirley: Absolutely

Mr. Dillinger concurred that he wants to see the reasons why kids are placed out of the county.

Dr. Biddleman reminded the Board that the weekly progress report is included in their packet.

## B. Early Learning Coalition (ELC) Report

Ms. Julie Daniels, ELC Chair, introduced a report on fiscal year strategic measures. She introduced Ms. Lindsey Carson, a newly appointed fiscal deputy to make the presentation. Ms. Daniels said that Ms. Janet Chapman was not in attendance and she remains an at-will employee at ELC. The ELC Board is meeting today to review the results of the employee survey, and Ms. Chapman's contract renewal.

Ms. Carson began the presentation by stating ELC served economically disadvantaged children to age 12.

Mr. McCabe questioned the age range of the children served.

Ms. Daniels responded that because of HB 7165 related to Early Learning, the ELC Board will fund children up to age 12. The previous decision to only fund children up to the age 9 was a local not a state decision.

Ms. Carson said the priority focus is on ages 0-5 but runs through age 12, possibly 13. The other discussion was regarding communications. ELC has been working closely with the staff at JWB to make sure they are providing all the information that JWB needs such as monthly invoices, monthly utilization reports and an invitation to participate in the utilization discussions. There are also quarterly collaborative meetings with the JWB staff.

Ms. Carson also went into detail about their participation with their providers.

Mrs. Edmonds asked if there is a waiting list.

Ms. Carson: Yes, there is a waiting list and they are fully enrolled. As of October 7<sup>th</sup>, there were 6,071 children enrolled and 1,287 children are currently on the waitlist.

Mr. Neri asked: "How long does it take to work through the wait list?"

Ms. Carson said the priority is age 0-5. There are priority categories that impact the stay on the wait list.

Mr. Neri asked if ELC analyzes why spikes occur.

Ms. Carson said some spikes occur at the start and end of summer. The big drop that occurred last year was due to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) applicants not being served.

Mr. Neri asked what it will take to reduce the wait list.

Ms. Carson responded: "Funding." She said ELC works with other agencies to make referrals. The way legislation has changed makes the list more complex and they don't have the ability to anticipate anymore.

Dr. Grego asked about Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) and the safety net and if it can be shared with the Board

Ms. Carson said VPK providers work under statute. ELC is in the process of requesting information from the state on child performance and is also working closely with the JWB Research Department.

Ms. Edmonds thanked Ms. Carson for providing the Board with this information.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Biddleman addressed Dr. Grego's request to change the time of the Finance Committee meeting on October 24, 2013 at 9 AM. There is a conflict with a Bridging the Gap Summit at SPC. Dr. Grego would like the JWB leadership to attend this event and reschedule the Finance Committee meeting to later in the afternoon on the same day.

Mr. McCabe agreed to move the Finance Committee Meeting start time to 1:30 PM.

Ms. Prewitt said she will make sure the public notice is published in the *Tampa Bay Times*.

### Community Engagement

- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cooperman-Bogue KidsFirst Award Luncheon

Dr. Biddleman asked the Board to check their availability on March 20, 2014 for the Cooperman-Bogue luncheon. JWB is in process of signing the contract for the event.

- National Make A Difference Day – October 26, 2013

Dr. Biddleman announced Saturday, October 26, 2013 as National Make a Difference Day. An information sheet will be sent to the Board.

Dr. Biddleman briefly reviewed the process of the strategic plan tactical work. Once the tactical plan is condensed, it will be delivered to the Board.

She also mentioned that Mr. Dillinger provided a food distribution handout.

## **VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

There were no information items pulled for discussion.

## **IX. OPEN AGENDA**

Mr. Neri asked about the progress on the Lealman medical facility.

Dr. Biddleman said there are discussions with Bayside but it belongs with the County. JWB is in a support role. She asked Gwendolyn Warren from Pinellas County to present a summary.

Mr. Neri asked if they were looking for other sites.

Ms. Warren said they are looking at the Verizon site, approximately 30,000 sq. ft. She indicated the Ulmerton facility is a centralized administrative facility.

Mr. Neri asked if the County looked at a boarded school on 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 40<sup>th</sup> Street as a potential site.

Ms. Warren said yes they had but the school is located outside the target area. She said it is premature to speak about a school building as a site.

Dr. Biddleman asked Ms. Warren to put a report together for next month's Board meeting, instead of conducting an extemporaneous discussion today.

Dr. Sewell recognized Mary Ann Heath for her 20 years of service and Penny DeLacquesaux for 34 years of service.

Dr. Sewell led a discussion about honoring Elise Minkoff for her service since she was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Aungst would like JWB to have a small public event.

Dr. Biddleman said she is having a private lunch with Ms. Minkoff, but will also plan an event.

There were two public comments:

1. Mr. Art O'Hara, Executive Director of R'Club Child Care, Inc. thanked Ms. Daniels and Ms. Lindsey for using the term lapse, instead of surplus, in their presentation. He said: "I am glad ELC is moving in the right direction." He encouraged ELC to monitor the age of the children served, since the state's priority is age 0-5, but not at the exclusion of children age 9 to 12. Mr. O'Hara reinforced the statement that it was a local decision to exclude children age 9 to 12.

Mr. O'Hara also reminded the Board of the Lights on After School events on Thursday, October 17, 2013.

Mr. Neri commented that the R'Club office is located in the Lealman corridor.

2. Mr. Paul Runyon, Executive Director of Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas, Inc. addressed the ELC situation. He said ELC is on track and encouraged them to provide a monthly utilization chart. He said: "The cusp of this opportunity is to rebuild the system. CCC is ready to get back on track."

Mrs. Edmonds reminded the Board about a luncheon invitation they received to the Lealman and Asian Neighborhood Family Center.

## **ADJOURN**

**Mr. Neri moved for adjournment at 11:39 AM; seconded by Mr. Aungst. No further discussion; motion carried.**

Minutes Submitted by:

Brian Aungst  
Board Secretary  
11/14/13