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**BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 AT 9:00 AM**

**JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD  
14155 58TH STREET NORTH  
CONFERENCE ROOM 191  
CLEARWATER, FL 33760**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Brian Aungst, Jr., Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He asked Mr. Rick Butler to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Brian Aungst, Jr.	Board Chair	Present
Susan Rolston	Board Vice Chair	Present
Rick Butler	Board Secretary	Present
Bob Dillinger	Public Defender	Present
Michael Grego	Superintendent	Absent
Bernie McCabe	State Attorney	Absent
Michael Mikurak	Board Member	Absent
James Millican	Board Member	Present
Patrice Moore	Sixth Judicial Court Judge	Present
Karen Seel	Pinellas County Commissioner	Present
James Sewell	Board Member	Absent

**II. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Approve Board Minutes for September 5, 2018
- B. Accept Financial Report for August and September 2018
- C. Approve Minutes for September 5, 2018 First TRIM Hearing
- D. Approve Minutes for September 18, 2018 Final TRIM Hearing

Mr. Aungst asked for a motion to approve the Consent Items.

The Consent Items passed unanimously without questions or discussion.

**ACTION: Mrs. Susan Rolston moved to approve the Consent Items as presented; seconded by Judge Patrice Moore. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.**

*Commissioner Karen Seel arrived after the Consent Items vote.*

### III. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Approve Children's Literacy at Faith-Based Organizations Invitation to Negotiate (ITN)

Mr. Brian Jaruszewski, Chief Financial Officer, read the recommended action to release a solicitation and to select a respondent to provide high quality, after-school, and summer literacy and academic support at faith-based programs in South St. Petersburg. He indicated the request to create the ITN was the result of the discussion at the September 13, 2018 regular Board meeting. He referenced the timeline for the solicitation, the scope of work, and the requirements.

In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Jaruszewski explained the provider is expected to operate a minimum of six sites, and depending on the size, number of sites, and scope, the budget could vary. He said it is prescriptive and the number of sites will be negotiated.

Board members asked if additional funds are needed to provide children's literacy at faith-based organizations, and will the funds be deducted from the James B. Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center (NFC) FY19 budget.

Mr. Jaruszewski said that is a Board decision.

There were no additional comments or questions.

**ACTION: Division Chief James Millican moved to Approve the Children's Literacy at Faith-Based Organization Invitation to Negotiate (ITN); seconded by Judge Moore. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.**

#### B. Approve Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month Proclamation

Mr. Aungst read the Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month proclamation and acknowledged the members of the committee.

There were no comments or questions.

**ACTION: Mr. Butler moved to Approve the Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month Proclamation; seconded by Division Chief Millican. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.**

### IV. PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Sleep Baby Safely Campaign Update – *April Putzulu, Strategic Communications Manager; William Pellan, District Six Medical Examiner Office – Director of Investigations; and Dr. Angus Jameson, Pinellas County EMS Medical Director*

Ms. April Putzulu, Strategic Communications Manager; Mr. William Pellan, Director of Investigations with the District Six Medical Examiner Office; and Dr. Angus Jameson, Pinellas County Emergency Management Services Medical Director, reviewed the campaign milestones and data from 2015 to present. Mr. Pellan offered comments on suffocation deaths for children from birth to six months. Dr. Jameson explained how EMS personnel are helping to educate families.

The Board discussed the comparative statistics for infant deaths in Pinellas and Pasco counties.

There were no additional comments or questions

B. Eckerd Connects Report – *Dr. Chris Card, Chief of Community-Based Care*

Dr. Chris Card, Eckerd Connects Chief of Community-Based Care, reviewed current placement statistics and case management capacity. He explained how the federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2017 (FFPSA) will create a foster care funding shift and eliminate funding for group care by October 2019. He reviewed Eckerd's current budget and the anticipated \$7M deficit.

The Board asked questions about reunification. Dr. Card explained the reunification staffing process, including the post-reunification staffing. He said a guardian ad litem is involved in the process, as is an attorney ad litem for special needs and older children.

The Board asked what JWB could do to advocate for changing the foster care funding system. Dr. Card said Eckerd Connects is pursuing the use of a foster care estimating conference and a cost model to determine how funding is distributed. He said Eckerd is working with the local elected delegation to gain their support for the creation of the estimating conference.

There were no additional comments or questions.

C. Sanderlin Center Report – *Dr. Celeste Thomas, Executive Director*

Dr. Celeste Thomas, James B. Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center Executive Director, and Ms. Tondra Kelly, Education Director, described the activities occurring at the center. They gave details on upcoming marketing campaigns, bazaars, yard sales, and the community garden. They also outlined strategic planning activities.

The Board questioned the perceived arbitrary manner in the recent firing of an exonerated employee and asked for specific details.

After discussion, the Board requested a list of the Sanderlin board members in June 2018 and a list of the current board members. They also requested documentation pertaining to the dismissal. The Board rosters and the documentation are to be delivered to JWB in advance of the November 8, 2018 regular Board meeting. The Board directed staff to physically review the personnel file in question and report their findings to the Board.

**V. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Dr. Marcie Biddleman, Chief Executive Officer, asked the Board for suggestions on how to honor former Board members Mrs. Maria Edmonds, and Mr. Raymond Neri, who passed away in 2017. Possible options are dedicating Room 191 or a JWB initiative in their honor. The Board was asked to send suggestions to Dr. Biddleman for discussion at the November 8, 2018 regular Board meeting.

Dr. Biddleman announced the Board workshop scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 1:30 PM at JWB. Topics will include allocation of undesignated FY19 funds, performance reports, and other items requested by Board members.

She reported 11 applications were submitted for the faith-based mini-grants and reviewed the process for awarding those grants which will range between \$1,500 to \$5,000.

Dr. Biddleman outlined the FY19 contract review meetings with 48 funded-agencies to award \$62.5M. She announced PACE has not signed their JWB contract in spite of attempts to reach out to their headquarters in Jacksonville. Mr. Bob Dillinger offered to call the headquarters.

Dr. Biddleman provided information on the Every Day Counts attendance pep rallies held at Pinellas County elementary schools. She said she would ask Dr. Michael Grego, Pinellas County Schools Superintendent, to provide information on the recent improvements in elementary school attendance.

She encouraged the Board to participate in Make a Difference Day on October 27, 2018 at the NFCs. She indicated that a schedule will be sent to them.

There were no questions.

## VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Aungst asked if there were any requests from the Board to discuss the Information Items. There were no requests.

## VII. OPEN AGENDA

Ms. Colleen Flynn, JWB's legal counsel, announced Mr. Art O'Hara, Executive Director of R'Club Child Care, Inc., requested to address the Board.

Mr. O'Hara explained the collaborative efforts of the Pinellas County Licensing Board, the Early Learning Coalition, and Eckerd Connects to provide six slots for crisis day care at an R'Club Child Care site. The cost is \$42 per child, per day.

Mr. Rick Butler announced staff anniversaries.

Mr. Aungst reminded the Board of the Executive Committee meeting scheduled on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 1:30 PM. The annual CEO evaluation will be discussed. He also announced the next regular Board meeting is Thursday, November 8, 2018, and the Board workshop is Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 1:30 PM.

## VIII. ADJOURN

**Mr. Aungst moved for adjournment at 10:33 AM. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.**

Minutes Submitted by:



Rick Butler  
Board Secretary  
11/08/18

# *Proclamation*

## **Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, According to the CDC, about 3500 babies in the U.S. die preventable sleep-related deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, A healthy baby suffocates while sleeping unsafely every month in Pinellas County, making it the #1 cause of preventable death for children under 18; and

WHEREAS, The Juvenile Welfare Board has adopted an objective to address preventable child deaths with a focus on infant safe sleep as part of its Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, JWB has partnered with a group of concerned Pinellas County leaders to create **Sleep Baby Safely**, a local campaign based on data and facts; and

WHEREAS, Dozens of partners have now joined the campaign to protect babies from suffocation every time they are laid down to sleep.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County that October 2018 be recognized as

## **INFANT SAFE SLEEP AWARENESS MONTH**

Urging all citizens to sleep babies safely and give all children the opportunity to celebrate their first birthday!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.

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MR. BRIAN AUNGST, JR., Chair

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MRS. SUSAN ROLSTON, Vice Chair



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Date: 10/11/18

Action Item # \_\_\_\_\_ Designated Spokesperson: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

OR

Open Agenda

Subject (if an open agenda item):

Crisis day care update

Name/Entity:

R club

Spokesperson For (list group or faction: if applicable):

Address (optional):

If you do not wish to speak, but wish to designate a representative to speak for you, or you wish to indicate your support, opposition or neutrality on a proposition please provide the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby designate \_\_\_\_\_ to speak on my behalf on Action Item # \_\_\_\_\_ or during the Open Agenda related to \_\_\_\_\_ (Either Action Item or Open Agenda).

OR

I hereby indicate my (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Support (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Opposition (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Neutrality on Action Item # \_\_\_\_\_ or on the Open Agenda Item proposition presented by \_\_\_\_\_ pertaining to \_\_\_\_\_

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