

**JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY
BOARD WORKSHOP
August 23, 2001, 4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present: Myrtle Smith-Carroll, Chair; Norma Rienhardt, Vice Chair; Cecilia Burke, Secretary; Bob Dillinger; Sandra Faulkner; Jeanne Malchon; Bernie McCabe; John Milford; James E. Mills, Executive Director; Amy Daly, Executive Assistant

Absent: Judge Dee Anna Farnell, Dr. J. Howard Hinesley; Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd

Ms. Smith-Carroll called the workshop to order at 4:05 p.m.

Mr. Mills directed the Board's attention to the packet of material at their places which included: Workshop Agenda, letter/material from Ms. Burke; letter from Ms. Burke (previously faxed to the Board); Specific Sexuality Programs Summary; July 27 response to Mr. Dillinger's questions (previously sent to the Board); August 23 memorandum to Board re employee salary adjustment; July 27 memorandum to Board re budget workshop/TRIM Hearings (previously sent to Board) and "Just the Facts about Sexual Orientation and Youth" (information provided by Linda Lerner).

Ms. Burke read her memorandum re "JWB's position on homosexuality issues" and directed the Board's attention to the attachment to the memorandum, a news release from Robert L. Spitzer, M.D. and "Homosexuality and Hope – Statement of the Catholic Medical Association." Board discussion centered on JWB's role in disseminating information about sexuality and the information that is currently being disseminated including the lack of Board policy related to this material. Questions were also raised by Ms. Burke related to oversight of purchasing of material for the JWB Library and the content of the workshops/seminars conducted by the JWB Training Center. Gary Sanford, Chair, JWB Sexual Minority Youth Committee, addressed the Board to explain the role of the committee and its work with youth serving agencies. Linda Lerner, a member of the Pinellas County School Board and the Sexual Minority Youth Committee, cautioned the Board about distribution of religious materials by a governmental entity and directed the Board's attention to the document provided in their packet, "Just the Facts about Sexual Orientation and Youth."

It was determined that the Executive Committee would convene a meeting to discuss the content of a future workshop on the issues addressed by Ms. Burke including the review of available materials. Mr. McCabe requested that this workshop not be part of a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Ms. Burke then directed the Board's attention to her memorandum regarding Planned Parenthood, faxed to the Board on August 22. Barbara Zdravecky, President/CEO of Planned Parenthood and Jane Maxwell, Program Manager for outreach education, responded to Board questions and comment about the services provided and invited the members of the Board to attend their program. Mr. McCabe was assured that other agencies/programs could compete for the funds provided for outreach education currently being provided by Planned Parenthood.

During discussion of the staff salary adjustment, the consensus of the Board was to award a 3% across-the-board increase to eligible staff in lieu of a staff recommended merit-based increase and to award one-time-only increases based on merit.

During discussion of JWB funded agencies/programs, Mr. Dillinger requested information about the clients served by Consumer Credit Counseling in prior years, noting that the program did not serve any youth. It was noted that the program serves parents and currently serves youth in educational settings.

Mr. Mills requested the Board provide staff with a list of agencies they wish to discuss prior to the final TRIM Hearing. These agencies will be placed on an agenda of a special Board meeting. Ms. Burke requested that Planned Parenthood be part of this list. She also requested waiting list information for other JWB funded programs.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 5:20 p.m. for a recess prior to the 5:30 p.m. first TRIM Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia Burke
Secretary