

Regular Meeting 09/13/01

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

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Quarterly Activity Report

Attached please find a copy of my quarterly activity report from June – August 2001. This report reflects the priority issues dealt with on a daily or routine basis. Other issues arise that are important to the work of the JWB but fall into the category of secondary and are not reflected on this report.

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Activity Report
June – August 2001

June

Post session activities include following up on passed legislation and budget inclusions. Twice daily tracking of the Governor's Veto Messages. The preparation of the board memos and legislative and budget updates as well as responding to staff and agency requests for legislative issues.

Mail out "Thank you" letter to Legislative Delegation for their assistance with KidCare proviso include a JWB information packet.

July

Contact Pinellas Delegation members for face-to-face appointments with myself and Jim Mills. Continue to research state and local issues and begin research federal issues that affect JWB or our funded agencies

Attend meeting with DCF in Tallahassee concerning Targeted Mental Health Case Management for At Risk population. Medicaid State Plan amendment process discussed and draft document prepared to draw down additional federal dollars.

Attend Children's Services Council Executive Director's meeting and present state and federal issues.

August

Met with six legislators (Rep. Crow, Waters, Berfield, Justice, Farkas and Sen. Sebesta) and have the remainder scheduled throughout the month of September, 2001.

Begin to review and analyze pre-filed bills in Florida House and Senate to determine impact on the JWB, funded agencies, or community. Determine attendance at committee meetings in Tallahassee.

On-going Issues

Continued tracking of issues including KidCare, School Readiness, CINS/FINS, SafeStart, Medicaid, Juvenile Justice, Model Unified Family Court, TANF, Earned Income Tax Credit, and others as they become necessary