



## Board of Directors Meeting

February 10, 2011

Minutes – January 13, 2011

Item II.A.

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**PRESENT:** Martha Lenderman, Chair; Elise Minkoff, Vice Chair; Maria Edmonds, Secretary; Honorable Bob Dillinger; Judge Raymond Gross; Dr. Julie Janssen; Honorable Bernie McCabe; Commissioner Karen Seel; Dr. James Sewell; Colleen Flynn, Attorney

**ABSENT:** John Milford; Joseph Smith

### I. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:39 A.M.

Debbie Bremer was honored for her 30 years of dedication and commitment to JWB.

Ms. Lenderman introduced April Lott, the Acting President for Directions for Mental Health.

### II. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approve Minutes for December 9, 2010
- B. Accept Financial Report for December 2010

**ACTION: Dr. Sewell moved to accept the consent items as presented; seconded by Mrs. Minkoff; no further discussion; motion carried.**

### III. ACTION

- A. Approval for a Proclamation Recognizing the Services of Commissioner Calvin Harris

**ACTION: Mr. Dillinger moved to approve the Proclamation honoring Commissioner Harris; seconded by Mrs. Edmonds; no further discussion; motion carried.**

- B. Election of Four Members to the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee, consisting of four Board members, is appointed on an annual basis. The Chair for the Committee is elected at the first Finance Committee Meeting (January 26, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m.). Commissioner Seel declined her nomination due to her current commitments. Mrs. Minkoff agreed to accept the nomination.

**ACTION: Judge Gross moved to accept the nominees to the Finance Committee: Mr. Dillinger, Mrs. Edmonds, Mr. McCabe, Mrs. Minkoff; seconded by Dr. Sewell; no further discussion; motion carried.**

- C. Appointment of JWB Board Members to Health & Human Services Coordinating Council (HHSCC) Policy Board

The HHSCC Policy Board has two vacancies. Commissioner Seel would occupy the joint JWB/BBC position previously held by Commissioner Harris. Dr. Sewell agreed to fill the vacancy left by Judge Sullivan's retirement.

**ACTION: Mrs. Edmonds moved to accept Commissioner Seel and Dr. Sewell's appointments to the HHSCC Policy Board; seconded by Dr. Janssen; no further discussion; motion carried.**

*Ms. Groesbeck, Executive Director of HHSCC, announced the HHSCC Annual Leadership Summit will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Suncoast Hospice Gathering Place (5771 Roosevelt Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33760).*

#### D. Approval to Move Forward with Contract Negotiations

Staff requested authorization to move forward with negotiations for the sale of the JWB 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue Building and develop an interim lease with St. Petersburg College. The terms of the purchase include \$1m in cash (paid in three installments (\$333,333) over the next three years, and an in-kind provision of free rent over a period of approximately eight years, to equal \$1,500,000, bringing the transaction total to \$2,500,000. A commission of \$90,000 is owed to Colliers International, in addition to closing costs such as the title commitment policy and documentary transfer taxes associated with the deed, up to \$30,000.

In the interim, SPC would like to lease the building to begin needed improvements. The terms and conditions will be negotiated and brought before the Board for approval.

Discussion: Mr. McCabe and Mr. Dillinger wanted to know if total in-kind rent would be more beneficial instead of cash. Ms. Sahulka said the \$1m in cash will assist in meeting the budget due to the projected reduction in revenues over the next couple of years.

Mr. Dillinger requested different scenarios on rent versus cash for discussion at the Finance Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Lancaster said the staff has reviewed all the possible scenarios, and will provide documents for the Finance Committee per their request. She asked the Board to vote on the authority for the Executive Director to enter into negotiations.

Mr. McCabe asked if the new negotiations will affect the previous rent cost agreement. Mrs. Lancaster indicated the rent is based on the state rate, as established by the Legislator.

**ACTION: Mr. Dillinger moved to accept the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to move forward with negotiations with SPC in the purchase of the 68<sup>th</sup> Street Building, with the understanding that, if the Finance Committee recommends a different package, it will be brought back to the Board; seconded by Dr. Sewell; no further discussion; motion carried.**

## IV. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATIONS

### Public Policy Analysis

Debra Prewitt, Director of Public Polity & Resource Development, presented the Political State of Play for 2011. Highlights of the presentation are as follows: (the complete power point is available at [www.jwbpinellas.org](http://www.jwbpinellas.org))

- Governor Scott Appointed a Transition Team
- Health & Human Services Transition Team Recommendations

- Law and Order Transition Team Recommendations
- Florida’s Budget Deficit: A Moving Target
- Florida TaxWatch Governor’s Transition Decision Handbook which includes: Education, Juvenile Justice, Medicaid, Federal Revenue
- Pinellas Delegation Leadership
- Early Childhood Policy Recommendations and Findings
- Policy Group of Florida requests which include: Restoring Healthy Start funding to at least the 2010 level (\$26,257,238 million); Restoring \$3.5 million to TANF funds to Florida’s Early Steps program to help meet current eligibility threshold; Restoring \$11,983,849 in General Revenue to Healthy Families Florida
- Children’s Movement of Florida is requesting more qualified VPK teachers, support for implementation of research-based curriculum for all VPK classrooms, and improving the accountability system
- Results of Project STAR

Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion on **Health and Human Services** recommendations that address the merging of the agency for Persons with Disabilities with the Office of Elder Affairs; and a recent proposal moving forward to privatize the **Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)**.

Mr. McCabe asked Ms. Prewitt if the **Department of Health** eliminates direct service, who will provide the services? She said it would be provided through an organized, coordinated network of care that uses the private sector to give people “services they need” and not necessarily “services they want”.

Lorita Shirley, Executive Director of Eckerd Youth Alternatives, told the Board EYA submitted a proposal to Tallahassee that addresses the **privatization of DJJ**. The proposal will challenge the local community to develop a system of care that supports the needs of Pinellas County and addresses the service gaps that currently exist.

Mrs. Edmonds wanted to know how the gaps are going to be determined. Ms. Shirley said they would develop focus groups and invite key stakeholders to the table to discuss what is working, what isn’t and how to eliminate the barriers that are keeping the system from being effective.

Mr. Dillinger said one of the benefits of the redesign is merging dependency and delinquency which allows a child to go to a more productive environment instead of returning to detrimental surroundings.

Mrs. Lancaster said she will have staff forward a copy of the EYA Juvenile Justice Proposal to the Board.

Ms. Lenderman commended Ms. Prewitt for staying on top of what is happening in Tallahassee and asked the Board to forward any information they may have regarding upcoming bills to Ms. Prewitt.

## V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. JWB Non-Profit Rate Agreement Approved
- B. Legislative Report

Ms. Lenderman thanked Ms. Prewitt for the helpful information including the Table of Organization and salaries for the Governor’s Office.

Ms. Prewitt circulated an updated roster of State legislators including the local delegation and asked Board members to note the legislators they have a working relationship with for future reference.

- C. ECA Community Based Care Report
- D. Initiative Updates, Site Visit Schedule and Summaries

Mr. McCabe asked the status of Suncoast Center's Corrective Action Plan. Ms. Sahulka said steps to address the credit card issue have been put in place.

- E. Calendar of Events
- F. Personnel Report
- G. Media Items

## **VI. OPEN AGENDA**

Ms. Lenderman congratulated Nick Cox on his new appointment as Statewide Prosecutor and introduced Michael Carroll, Interim Regional Director for Department of Children and Families.

Mr. Dillinger said he believes the FCSCs should take a stance on sovereign immunity as it relates to Community Based Care. Mrs. Lancaster asked Mr. Dillinger to develop the framework he would like presented and she would forward it to the FCSC Board. Ms. Lenderman said Ms. Prewitt will continue to monitor the matter.

The Board was asked to complete a survey regarding the starting time of the Board meetings. The Board unanimously agreed to a time change, from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Lenderman reminded the Board of the Joint Meeting with the Community Councils on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The event does not replace the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Commissioner Seel announced St. Pete College will be presenting a "Federal Health Care: Fact or Fiction" Workshop on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the SPC Seminole Campus.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Dr. Sewell moved to adjourn at 10:04 a.m.; seconded by Judge Gross; motion carried.**

Minutes Submitted By:

Maria Edmonds  
Board Secretary

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