

JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY
Special Meeting of August 30, 2001

MINUTES

Present: Myrtle Smith-Carroll, Chair; Norma Rienhardt, Vice Chair; Cecilia Burke, Secretary; Judge Dee Anna Farnell; Sandra Faulkner; Dr. J. Howard Hinesley; Jeanne Malchon; Bernie McCabe; John Milford; Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd; James E. Mills, Executive Director; Kathy Helmuth, Director of Communications

Absent: Bob Dillinger; Terry Smiljanich, Board Counsel

Ms. Smith-Carroll called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

The Memorandum from the Executive Director to the Executive Committee regarding Budget Issues Special Meeting 8/30/01 was distributed to the Board for review. The Executive Committee recommendation was reviewed regarding a program(s), if any, being defunded with those dollars being added to the New and Expanded program dollar total. A question was raised and answered regarding conflict of interest when voting on a specific program. Discussion also addressed taking programs in question individually or as a group. It was decided that since issues are different for each, they be taken individually.

Procedure for Budget Issues A motion was made by Ms. Malchon and seconded by Ms. Burke to approve the Procedure for Budget Issues. The motion passed unanimously.

During the Board discussion of the funding for PCUL's Project Success, the issue identified was cost per unit. Reporting information through JWB's recently implemented data-base system has been addressed and should provide more accurate figures.

PCUL - Project Success A motion was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Mr. Milford to continue funding for FY 2001-02. The motion passed unanimously.

During the Board discussion of the funding for PCUL's Comprehensive Family Services, the issue identified was the small number of individuals served with most numbers being reported in group data. The program has relocated to a new site in the Ridecrest neighborhood, has performed well, has met minimum service levels and measurable objectives.

PCUL - Comprehensive Family Services A motion was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Ms. Burke to continue funding for FY 2001-02. The motion passed unanimously.

During the Board discussion of the funding for The Watson Center's Therapeutic Play Group, the concern identified was not meeting minimum service levels (which was a factor in the competitive proposal process) and recruitment of more children into the program. Children in the program are seriously medically involved, and the agency has determined that it is caring for all of the children needing the program. The Board identified that standards for children with no challenges may be applied to those with serious challenges. Thus, minimum service levels may need to be reduced to be more realistic.

The Watson Center Therapeutic Play Group A motion was made by Commissioner Sheen Todd and seconded by Mr. McCabe to continue funding for FY 2001-02. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board referred to the 8/23/01 Board Workshop, where Planned Parenthood's Outreach Program was addressed at that time.

Planned Parenthood - Outreach Education The motion was made by Ms. Malchon and seconded by Mr. Milford to continue funding for FY 2001-02. The motion passed, with two dissenting votes (Ms. Burke and Ms. Faulkner).

During the Board discussion of the termination of Stageworks' Great African Americans: Hear It! Share It!, the concern identified was not meeting last year's minimum service levels. Originally, the program was funded as a Youth Development program. It has been changed to a Community Development program, with a reduced funding of \$5,000, and is on target to meet minimum service levels this fiscal year.

Stageworks - Great African Americans Hear It! Share It! The motion was made by Mr. McCabe and seconded by Ms. Malchon to continue funding for FY 2001-02. The motion passed unanimously.

During the Board discussion of the funding for Suncoast Family YMCA's Project Worth, the concern identified was not meeting minimum service levels. Staff referred to previous Board discussion that minimum service levels may need to be adjusted to a more realistic level.

**Suncoast
Family YMCA
Project Worth**

The motion was made by Dr. Hinesley and seconded by Commissioner Sheen Todd to continue funding for FY 2001-02. The motion passed unanimously, with one abstaining vote due to conflict of interest (Mr. McCabe).

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned
At 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecelia Burke
Secretary