



## Board of Directors Meeting

May 9, 2013

### Approve Funding for Operation PAR COSA Expansion, Approve Coordinated Child Care and City of St. Petersburg Access to the Child Care Pool

**Item IV.C.**

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**Recommended Action:** Approve funding for Operation PAR COSA Expansion  
Approve CCC and City of St. Petersburg access to Child Care Pool funding

**Issue:** At the February meeting, the Board discussed expanding the successful COSA program to North County. Operation PAR proposes implementing the program at PAR Village Child Development Center located at 13800 66<sup>th</sup> Street North, Clearwater, FL.

JWB has partnered with the Pinellas County School System to deliver needed school readiness and success services to boost student performance. Other program budget amendments are within existing allocations.

**Budget Impact** Lapse funding in the FY 12/13 child care pool is available to fund these recommendations.

**Strategic Plan Goal** School Readiness and School Success

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#### **Background:**

Staff is preparing a re-allocation recommendation to be presented to the Board in June. Staff presents the following funding recommendations at this time in order not to delay services. The projected lapse in child care pool funding is estimated at \$700,000. These allocations will not impact any existing JWB programming.

#### **Operation PAR COSA Expansion**

The Cornerstone of Successful Achievement (COSA) program serves substance-abusing pregnant and parenting women whose infants and preschool children are often developmentally delayed. The program provides enhanced outpatient treatment, random drug screens, early intervention groups, and child care. COSA integrates therapeutic child development into its treatment model developed from evidence-based studies. The treatment includes a holistic approach while integrating relationship-building experiences between mother and child. The program works closely with substance-abusing mothers and their young children to strengthen parent/child bonds by providing opportunities for parents to overcome their addiction, to acquire effective parenting skills, to understand the basic principles of child development, and to participate in their child's educational activities. The program goals are: adults will eliminate their drug use; adults will demonstrate satisfactory parent/child interaction; and children in the Child Development Center will satisfactorily complete at least two educational goals on their Individual Development Plans.

On the basis of the results of the psychosocial assessment incorporated into the treatment plan, women are admitted to one or more of the structured therapeutic services. Treatment plans are reviewed monthly to assess progress towards meeting treatment goals and objectives, the need to address pressing new issues, and the continued propriety of the Individualized Discharge/Re-entry Plan. The participant's progress or lack thereof, determines the intensity of the treatment services, whether for the participant at the center, or through referral to other PAR treatment services.

Staff recommends that the Operation PAR COSA FY 12/13 allocation be increased by \$37,676 to allow the program to begin in August 2013. The annualized cost for this expansion is approximately \$200,000.

**Access to JWB's Child Care Pool:**

During the summer of 2012, JWB allowed Coordinated Child Care (CCC) and City of St. Petersburg (TASCO) Out of School Time programs access to Family Services Pool funding which enrolled nearly 1,000 additional children in summer camp activities. Summer camp is typically five days per week for ten weeks. All service sites are licensed/certified by the Pinellas County License Board. CCC subcontracts JWB funding to nine service providers with service locations throughout Pinellas County. Staff is recommending access to the child care pool funding in order to provide a safe and meaningful summer camp experience for approximately 600 school-age children (5 through 14 years of age). Eligibility requires that the child be enrolled in the Pinellas County School's free or reduced lunch program and demonstrate a purpose for care. Reimbursement will be based upon a unit of service daily rate not to exceed \$21 per child per day in attendance. The maximum cost per child who participates in the full ten week summer camp is \$1,050.

Since it is not known how many children each agency may be able to enroll, staff is recommending that current contracts with CCC and TASCO be amended to allow both entities access to the child care pool as funding allows.

A performance report will be presented to the Board in fall 2014.