

Regular Meeting 10/11/01

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

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BUDGET UPDATE

The following is a list of updates to the FY 01-02 budget:

1. Career Options – YouthBuild

Contract has been transferred to Boley, Inc. effective October 1, 2001.

2. Directions for Mental Health – Intensive Adolescent Day Treatment Program

The allocation for Intensive Adolescent Day Treatment Program has been transferred to the Kids Connections program.

3. Greater Ridgecrest Neighborhood Family Center

No contract will be issued for this program. Staff is working with the agency to develop a payment plan for the outstanding advance and disallowances.

4. Coordinated Child Care

The Board authorized staff to transfer up to \$2,000,000 from the Low Income Employed Families Program (LIEF) to the Child Care Purchasing Pool. Coordinated Child Care has requested the transfer of \$1,460,288 as of October 1, 2001.

5. Family Service Centers – Father Services Program

Staff has transferred the allocation from Time Out Homes to the Father Services Program effective October 1, 2001.

6. Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Tampa Bay

Staff has worked with the YWCA over the last two fiscal years to establish an administrative cost rate and more equitably distribute these costs among JWB funded programs. In addition, staff has requested that the YWCA establish a single child-care cost center for Adolescent Pregnancy & Parenting Services and Family Village transitional and emergency housing for the homeless population, in order to better track JWB's contribution to child-care countywide. This realignment of program dollars has not altered the overall allocation to the YWCA.

7. Friends of the Deaf Service Center

Staff completed a site visit of Friends of the Deaf (FOD) on September 20, 2001. As of September 7, 2001, the FOD balance statement reported accounts payable of \$168,488 and accounts receivable of \$31,231. As of August 31, the agency's fund balance was (\$124,601).

FOD staff is in the process of securing a \$1.2 M mortgage, which the executive director has reported will allow the agency to pay down current liabilities and stabilize financial operations.

Staff remains concerned about FOD's long-term viability and the delivery of much needed services to the deaf community in Pinellas County. FOD has an outstanding advance to JWB, and it is standard JWB operating procedure to withhold an agency's contract until an advance is fully repaid. FOD has submitted a payment plan for this FY 00-01 advance. In addition, the status of the agency's fund balance indicates substantial financial deterioration. Staff plans on issuing a quarterly report, which will keep the Board apprised of this matter.

Given this situation, staff is implementing the following plan:

Strategizing with FOD regarding methods to maintain delivery of deaf services in Pinellas County. Discussions have included:

- A. Merger
- B. Operational Agreement with another local non-profit
- C. Revenue Enhancement Initiatives