



BOARD MEETING

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020
DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD
14155 58TH STREET NORTH
EDMONDS NERI CONFERENCE ROOM
CLEARWATER, FL 33760**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Susan Rolston, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:17 AM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Susan Rolston	Board Chair	Present
Michael Mikurak	Board Vice Chair	Present
Rick Butler	Board Secretary	Present
Brian Aungst, Jr.	Board Member	Present
Bob Dillinger	Public Defender	Present
Michael Grego	Superintendent	Absent
Bernie McCabe	State Attorney	Absent
James Millican	Board Member	Absent
Patrice Moore	Sixth Judicial Court Judge	Absent
Karen Seel	Pinellas County Commissioner	Present

II. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approve Board Minutes for February 13, 2020
- B. Accept Finance Committee Minutes for January 28, 2020
- C. Accept Financial Report for February 2020

Mrs. Rolston called for approval of the Consent Items.

The items were approved without discussion.

ACTION: Mr. Michael Mikurak moved to approve the Consent Items as presented; seconded by Mr. Bob Dillinger. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

III. ACTION ITEMS

Approve Community Council Appointment

Ms. Yaridis Garcia, Community Planning Manager, introduced the Mid-County Community Council appointment, Ms. Heather Cameron. Ms. Garcia gave an overview of Ms. Cameron's background and qualifications to serve on the Council.

ACTION: Mr. Brian Aungst, Jr., moved to approve the Community Council Appointment; seconded by Mr. Mikurak. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATION

- A. Overview of School Success – *Judith Warren, Chief Operating Officer, and JoAnn DiLernia, Senior Program Evaluator*

Ms. Judith Warren, Chief Operating Officer, and Ms. JoAnn DiLernia, Senior Program Evaluator, presented the JWB School Success portfolio. The presentation started with community indicators which consist of Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) scores, percentage of students with ten percent or more absences during the school year, and high school graduation rates.

Ms. DiLernia presented the JWB school success programs which consist of out-of-school time programs, school and community-based health clinics, school support and intervention, and youth development and mentoring programs. There are 34 programs in total that served 33,000 students in Pinellas County in FY19.

Ms. DiLernia explained there has been an increase by about 4,000 students in out-of-school time programs. Youth development program costs have increased. Ms. DiLernia shared that new goal targets for FY21 will be presented at the Board workshop. She elaborated FSA scores are measured on students who are enrolled in a JWB- funded program. More academic supports have been implemented in community out-of-school time programs. In FY19, the percentage of students with no more than eight unexcused absences decreased. The most level of absences have been recorded in school support and intervention programs. Absenteeism is higher for high school students than other grades and in neighborhoods that have a low opportunity in accordance with the Child Opportunity Index.

Ms. DiLernia reported on results of the Out-of-School Time survey given to students.

Ms. Warren detailed results of Promise Time and Summer Bridge as well as the school and community-based health clinics. She explained the eight percent lapse in FY19 was mainly due to before and after school programs enrollment being lower than anticipated and program staff turnover.

Ms. Warren said JWB will reevaluate underperforming programs within the portfolio.

Ms. Beth Houghton, Chief Executive Officer, added there are many programs that are successful, but they are not necessarily measured by FSA scores. It is important to hold programs accountable for the right things.

Mr. Mikurak requested to have measurement structures identified for each program.

Mrs. Rolston requested outcomes for programs that do not directly impact school success. The Board would like to see substantive outcomes that answer the question of does the program make a difference and why are we funding it?

B. Strategic Planning Environmental Scan – *Dr. Mary Grace Duffy, Partner, Cambridge Hill Partners, Inc.*

Dr. Mary Grace Duffy shared the research findings of the environmental scan she conducted. Dr. Duffy interviewed 13 members of the community, along with 11 JWB Board members, and conducted eight focus groups.

Dr. Duffy shared the Circles of Influence diagram that shows the levels of influence in a child's life. The diagram showed the child in the center, followed by family, neighborhood, community, and government.

The key principles and criteria taken from the interviews and focus groups are for JWB to adopt a systems approach, demonstrate results, take the long view, select fewer issues, laser focus on them, enhance convening role, include the business community, and emphasize prevention and risk reduction. The six key needs identified in the community are: children ages birth to three, education, poverty and basic needs, physical and behavioral health, child abuse and neglect, and nonprofit capacity building.

C. Review of National Best Practices in Children's Programming – *Dr. Barbara Morrison-Rodriguez, President/CEO, BMR Consulting, LLC*

Dr. Barbara Morrison-Rodriguez presented best practice program models that provide guidance on how to address the key issues presented by Dr. Duffy. She shared the Ten Guiding Principles from the National Center on Child Poverty.

Dr. Morrison-Rodriguez showed examples of the exemplary programs: Early Head Start, Healthy Beginnings Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, and the Boston Basics Campaign. She believes it is possible for JWB to build on the success of the Boston Basics program. Dr. Morrison-Rodriguez stated that services for children ages birth to three are underdeveloped.

Dr. Morrison-Rodriguez said the Boston Basics campaign advocates for five simple things parents can do to enhance social emotional growth of children ages birth to three.

Dr. Morrison-Rodriguez recommends additional funding and expansion of JWB Quality Early Learning Initiative Centers (QELI) and R'Club's JWB - funded Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program, as well as more parent outreach.

Dr. Duffy noted the implications of the best practices presentation that includes laser focus, primary emphasis on the neediest families, multi-year and multi-partner approaches, and longitudinal studies to measure impact.

Mr. Dillinger would like to have data on similarly sized counties in Florida that do not have a children's service council. He would like to see results of outcomes compared to Pinellas County.

Ms. Houghton stated the Executive Team is open to any feedback prior to the Board workshop on March 31.

Mr. Mikurak requested to see overlap and differences in the programs that Dr. Morrison-Rodriguez presented.

V. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Houghton reported that Mr. Mikurak has been appointed as chair of the Pinellas County Licensing Board.

Ms. Houghton announced that JWB has hired a new Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Laura Brock. Ms. Brock will officially report on April 13, 2020.

Ms. Houghton detailed JWB's response to the coronavirus. JWB is in the process of creating a temporary telecommuting policy. Ms. Houghton announced the annual Cooperman-Bogue Awards Luncheon will be postponed to the fall due to the coronavirus.

The JWB website now has a Kids Data Center that includes information that was shared at the Children's Summit.

Ms. Houghton stated JWB is in the process of searching for new vendors to replace the currently utilized GEMS data system. It appears that two systems will be necessary, one for financial tracking and one for program evaluation.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Dillinger asked for the status of the early childhood bill. Ms. Debra Prewitt, Senior Public Policy Officer answered the bill was substantially amended, and moving back and forth between the House and Senate. It has the potential to not pass, as do other bills. The budget has not been voted on yet.

VII. OPEN AGENDA

Dr. Keisha Benson made a public comment on behalf of Thrive by Five, a collective impact initiative that utilizes a holistic approach to childhood development. They are funded by Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg. Thrive by Five also utilizes the Child Opportunity Index.

Mr. Rick Butler announced the staff anniversaries.

VIII. ADJOURN

Ms. Rolston moved for adjournment at 10:41 AM. No further discussion.

Minutes Submitted by:

Rick Butler
Board Secretary
05/14/2020