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Meeting at Juvenile Court Detention Center
April 10, 1969

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell; County Commissioner A. L. Anderson; and Juvenile Court Judge Jack A. Page. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director; Mr. Robert Marshall, Director, and Mr. Don Sellas, Assistant Director, Juvenile Court staff.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
of March 6 Meeting

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 6, 1969, as corrected by date and by insertion of caption for motion in regard to State aid for Helen M. Drohen.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for March

Mrs. Speer moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for March: Checks #3496 dated March 19 (confirmed by telephone call on that date); checks #3497 through #3550 dated March 31; checks #3551 through #3582 dated April 10; and check #3583 dated April 30, 1969.

MOTION
Approval of Salaries
for April

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for April on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial statement for March 1969 was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that additional monies would need to be transferred from the Contingency Fund to Social Security and Retirement because of the exhaustion of State funds for this purpose. He estimated that an additional $6,000 to $7,000 would be needed for this purpose before the end of the fiscal year.

MOTION
Transfer from Contingency to Juvenile Court Group Home

Mr. Anderson moved and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to transfer from Contingency to Juvenile Court Group Home $4,608.33 for salaries, plus $700 for mileage.

The Report of Children in Foster Care for the month of February was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that Dr. Rosenblum had reported that Helen M. Drohen was being considered for admission at the new Children's Unit at the South Florida State Hospital and that currently tests and examinations were being conducted in order that she could be admitted.

MOTION
Professional Leave for Dr. Raymond L. Edwards

Mrs. Speer moved and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve professional leave for Dr. Raymond L. Edwards to attend the Delegate Conference of N.A.S.W. in Atlantic City, New Jersey, from April 21 - 24, 1969.

MOTION
Expenses for Florida Health and Welfare Council Meeting

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of necessary expenses for the members of the Marriage and Family Counseling Staff to attend the meeting of the Florida Health and Welfare Council at Hollywood, Florida, May 14 - 16, 1969.
Dr. Finck announced that an article by Miss Ruth E. Jefferson, Director of Pinellas County License Board, entitled "How to Start a Nursery School" was being circulated in the Nursery School Portfolio put out by the Association for Childhood Education International. He stated that his letter concerning Federal funds for comprehensive child welfare services or for foster care had been published in the January 1969 issue of Child Welfare. A new pamphlet entitled "Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency", a selected, annotated bibliography put out by the Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, included Dr. Finck's article, "What is Delinquency Prevention", in a two-paragraph statement describing the work of the Juvenile Welfare Board in initiating the program of school Social Work and Psychological Services in Pinellas County Schools.

MOTION
Change of Vacation Leave Policy

Mrs. Speer moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to change the vacation leave to read: "Employees are entitled to 1½ days of vacation for each month of service. No unused sick leave may be transferred to vacation after the effective date of this policy."

MOTION
Retroactive Salary Increase for Mrs. Lillian Hawfield

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request for a retroactive salary increase for Mrs. Lillian Hawfield in the State Department of Public Welfare to cover the months of January and February 1969 in the amount of $19.00 a month in order to correct an error which was made in failing to give Mrs. Hawfield the promotion and salary increase to which she was entitled January 1, 1969.

MOTION
Renewal of Lease for Agency Offices

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to authorize the Director to sign a lease renewing the rental of 3455 First Avenue South for a period of three years at an annual rental of $6100.00 beginning May 1969 and to transfer the sum of $300.00 (Juvenile Welfare Board $210.00; License Board $90.00) from the Contingency Fund to Office Expense to cover the increased rent beginning with the new lease.

MOTION
Approval of Mr. Neet's Request to Consider a Consultant's Position

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of Mr. William E. Neet, Marriage and Family Counselor, to consider a consultant's position with The Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center; time to be outside the hours worked for the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Judge Page, with assistance of Mr. Marshall and Mr. Sellas, discussed the present situation in regard to the Juvenile Court programs and needs. He stated that the detention facilities were now operating up to capacity and sometimes beyond it so that a request would have to be made soon for additional space. He reported on the developments in regard to the group home for girls and stated that Miss Oleta O. Hollingsworth had been employed to direct this home. She is currently engaged in an orientation program and in efforts to locate a suitable home for the girls. He reported that one of the Juvenile Court Counselors was currently studying the program at Highfields in New Jersey and learning the group treatment processes which are used in that institution in working with young delinquents. Judge Page explained that one of the serious current needs of his organization is for a psychologist because of the necessary delays in the examination and treatment of young persons at
the Child Guidance Clinic and the necessity for staff to accompany, wait for, and return them to the detention facilities. He brought up a proposal for a Negro group home for dependent, acting-out Negro boys which would be operated by the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The Church would provide a house and select foster parents in consultation with the Juvenile Court. There was intensive discussion of the implications of this proposal and it was decided that a special work session would be arranged by the Director sometime prior to the meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board on May 1.

The Activities Reports for the month of March 1969 were presented to the Board, and Dr. Finck discussed the conferences of the American Association of Marriage Counselors and the American Orthopsychiatric Association which he attended in New York City March 29 through April 2nd.

Since there was no further business, the members of the Board proceeded with a tour of the facilities at the Detention Center and ended their stay with a most pleasant luncheon in the Center's dining room. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held on May 1, 1969 at 9:30 A.M. at the Pinellas County Juvenile Court Detention Center.

Mrs. Roy M. Speer
Secretary