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Meeting in Clearwater
October 5, 1967

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Charles S. Baker, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Roy M. Speer; County Commissioner John W. Bonsey; and Juvenile Court Judge Robert A. Halvorsen. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mrs. Barbara B. Thomas and Mr. Theodore L. Hanscom, Supervisors, Child Welfare Division, State Department of Public Welfare.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the September 7th meeting.

Mr. Hanscom presented a report on the Protective Service since the beginning of the emergency 24 hour duty in February. He stated that in the time from the beginning of the service until the end of September, there were 114 families comprising 280 children referred to the Protective Service during the period covered by the 24 hour care. Of these 280 children, 79 were subsequently placed in foster care. Mr. Hanscom said that most of these referrals came from the police and that the greatest concentration in any one night was five.

Mrs. Thomas reported on the present status of children in foster care, saying that there were approximately 100 foster homes with 354 children as of the end of September. These children were supported both by State and Juvenile Welfare Board funds. In addition to these children, there were seven children at residential treatment centers, six at the Montenari School in Miami, and one at the Brown Schools in Austin, Texas. The Board discussed at great length the need for some kind of halfway house to serve as a small institution for children prior to or after they were returned from Marianna. The State Department of Public Welfare agreed to investigate the possibility and the cost of setting up this kind of small group institution. The Department agreed, also, to study the present rates for foster care and consider the possibilities of setting up special professional foster homes designed particularly to meet the needs of problem children. Mrs. Thomas' presentation was accompanied by color slides showing children in foster and shelter care presenting different kinds of problems for the foster parents.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for September and Approval of Salaries for October
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for September, Checks #2087 through #2164, dated September 29, 1967; and to approve the salaries for October, 1967, on the condition of completion of satisfactory service, including approval of Check #2165 dated October 2, for Petty Cash, and Checks #2166 and 2167 for foster care and rent, dated October 31, 1967.

Dr. Finck discussed the preliminary Financial Statement for September showing the tentative figures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1967.

MOTION
Transfer of Funds from Contingency to Bonds and Insurance
Mrs. Speer moved, and Commissioner Bonsey seconded a motion which carried, to transfer $26,48 from the Contingency Fund to Bonds and Insurance to cover additional costs for Major Medical.

MOTION
Transfer from Contingency to Refund of Previous Years Receipts
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Judge Halvorsen seconded a motion which carried, to transfer $1.11 from the Contingency Fund to Refund of Previous Years Receipts and pay this amount to the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
Dr. Finck announced that a $100,000 Certificate of Deposit had been renewed at 5.2 percent interest.

The report of Children in Foster Care for the month of August 1967 was reviewed and accepted by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that the number of children and the days of care had been reduced from the previous month but that the cost per child and cost per child to the Juvenile Welfare Board had increased on account of preparations for school.

MOTION
Election of Chairman
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion to nominate Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., as Chairman of the Juvenile Welfare Board. Judge Halvorsen moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to close the nominations.

MOTION
Election of Secretary
Judge Halvorsen moved, and Commissioner Bonsey seconded a motion which carried, to close the nominations.

The Board discussed the Inter-Agency Agreement for 1967-68 with the Child Guidance Clinic, and Dr. Finck read a letter from Dr. Robert M. White, Jr., Director, stating that the Clinic would require $89,310.00 for the coming fiscal year instead of $93,810.00 and that the Clinic would not need to charge the Board $720.00 rent for the use of the Clinic facilities in Clearwater. The Board deferred action on this agreement in order that the "emergency situations" listed in the Agreement could be clarified by the Director in conference with Dr. White.

MOTION
Approval of Agreement with Family and Children's Service
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Judge Halvorsen seconded a motion which carried, to approve the Inter-Agency Agreement for 1967-68 with Family and Children's Service, Inc.

MOTION
Approval of Agreement with Visiting Nurse Assn.
Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the Inter-Agency Agreement for 1967-68 with Visiting Nurse Association.

MOTION
Approval of Agreement with Peter Pan School
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the Inter-Agency Agreement for 1967-68 with Peter Pan School.

MOTION
Approval of Agreement with Play Parc School
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Judge Halvorsen seconded a motion which carried, to approve the Inter-Agency Agreement with Play Parc School, for 1967-68.

Dr. Finck reported that he had received two inquiries concerning the family counselor to work with the day nurseries in St. Petersburg and that these persons appeared to possess the desired experience with young children.

The Activities Report for the month of September 1967 was reviewed by the Board.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, November 2nd, in the County Office Building, Clearwater.