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Meeting at Detention Center  
May 1, 1969

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. H. W. Holland who acted as Secretary; County Commissioner A. L. Anderson; and Juvenile Court Judge Jack A. Page. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director.

MOTION  
Approval of Minutes  
of April 10 Meeting  

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 10.

MOTION  
Approval of Expenditures for April  

Mr. Anderson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for April: Checks #3600 through #3654 plus #3804, 5, 6, and minus #3633, 4, 5, dated April 30th, and #3655 through #3682 dated May 1, and #3683 dated May 29, 1969.

MOTION  
Approval of Salaries  
for May  

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries for May as budgeted on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial statement for April was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that $644,097.03 of an estimated $670,224 had been received in taxes for the current fiscal year.

The report of children in foster care was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that, although there were six more children in care on local funds, the number of days of care had decreased by 588. Five fewer children in care on State funds represented a decrease of 58 days of care so that the total decrease in days of care was 646; the decrease in expenditures, approximately $1650 from the previous month.

MOTION  
Confirmation of  
Approval for  
Group Home  

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to confirm the approval given at the work session of April 25th for the payment of regular foster care costs for up to eight children in a group home to be operated by the Juvenile Court with the support of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, subject to a written agreement with the Juvenile Court to be approved by the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The Board discussed the questions raised by Mr. Williams, the State Auditor, concerning the method of payment of expenses at the group homes to be operated by the Court and it was agreed that Judge Page and Dr. Finck would seek an appointment with Mr. Williams to discuss these methods.

The budget of the Juvenile Welfare Board for the fiscal year 1969-70 was presented to the Board by Dr. Finck. He stated that the budget represented an increase of $63,523.96 or 7.6% from the current year. He estimated that the millage required would be .4772 as compared with .4489 for the current year. Dr. Finck stated that the budget contained merit increases of 5% for the employees of the Juvenile Welfare Board and the License Board in accordance with the Pinellas County Pay and Classification System. Since inflation had increased the cost of living by 5.1% over the past year, the continuation of this same trend would nullify any merit increases. Dr. Finck recommended including $2500 in the contingency fund in order that the next merit increases could, if the inflationary trend continues, be made in six months instead of in a year.
The situation in regard to Retirement was explained. State support has been decreased to the point where after July 1, 1969, the Juvenile Welfare Board will have to carry the full cost of the retirement and social security for all employees receiving their salaries through the Juvenile Welfare Board. Dr. Finck suggested that, since the total of this retirement of $27,604.95 was so large as to overbalance the operation and administration accounts, these retirement sums be broken down and assigned to the various sub-divisions of the budget such as the Child Guidance Clinic, Child Welfare Division, etc.

In further discussion about the budget and the balance in the Contingency Fund of the Child Guidance Clinic, the Board suggested that Dr. Finck invite Dr. Rosenblum to attend the meeting on June 5 to discuss the Child Guidance Clinic situation.

MOTION
Approval of Expenses for Tampa Institute

Commissioner Anderson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to authorize the Director to select one member of the Marriage and Family Counseling staff to attend the institute on "sex Education as a Part of the Psychotherapeutic Process" to be held in Tampa May 7, 1969, and to authorize the payment of the institute fee and necessary mileage expenses.

MOTION
Institute in Clearwater
July 3 - 6, 1969

Mr. Anderson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to authorize the Director to approve attendance of members of the Marriage and Family Counseling staff at an institute to be held by the Florida Academy of General Practice, entitled "Human Sexuality in Medical Practice", Clearwater, July 3 - 6, 1969 and to authorize payment of the institute fee of $25 per person and necessary mileage expenses.

The Activities Reports for the month of April 1969 were presented to the Board. Dr. Finck read from the Newsletter of the Council of Churches the statements made concerning Mr. William Neet and his attendance at the conference on "The Church and Foster Care" in Atlanta, Georgia. The Newsletter stated that Mr. Neet was available to the churches for consultation concerning day care.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held June 5, 1969 at 9:30 A.M. at the Pinellas County Juvenile Court Detention Center.

Mrs. H. W. Holland
Acting Secretary