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Meeting in Clearwater
November 2, 1967

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Charles S. Baker; Juvenile Court Judge Robert A. Halvorsen; and Superintendent of Public Instruction Thomas B. Southard. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Walter M. White, Jr., Psychiatrist-Director, Child Guidance Clinic of Pinellas County, Inc.; Mrs. Jean L. Lewis, Mrs. Barbara B. Thomas, and Mr. Theodore L. Hanscom, Supervisors, Child Welfare Division, State Department of Public Welfare.

MOTION

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Southard moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the October 5th meeting.

Dr. White presented plans for the development of a day care facility in connection with the Child Guidance Clinic. This facility would provide for treatment and training during the day for emotionally disturbed children who would spend the nights and weekends at home with their parents. He stressed the importance of the opportunity for working with the parents of the children. The building would be financed from State and Federal funds which would pay 60% and from local funds, which would pay 40% of the construction costs. Dr. White feels that a commitment has been secured for the local share of these building funds. Federal and State funds would be available over a 51 month period for the staffing and administration of the day care center, with the amount being decreased each year and a greater proportion of local funds required. The operation of this facility would begin with 8 to 12 children between the ages of 6 and 12, and ultimately a capacity of 35 or 40 children in one or more centers would be planned for. Dr. White stated that all children except the most severely psychotic, who would still need residential treatment, could be cared for in the day care facility. Dr. Southard stated that a recent survey in the County had shown that 5800 more children, or a total of 7000, were considered to be atypical and in need of special education. The County Schools provide at present for approximately 1200 children in special education. Dr. White also discussed the provisions of the agreement between the Child Guidance Clinic and the Juvenile Welfare Board and explained the way in which "emergencies" would be handled by the Child Guidance Clinic. He stated that Judge Halvorsen and Dr. Finck had discussed the matter with him on October 31st.

Dr. Finck reported on his meeting with Mr. Jeffries, Administrator, and Mr. Belcher, Chairman of the Board, of All-Children's Hospital. He stated that both Mr. Jeffries and Mr. Belcher were very much concerned about the need for providing emergency services for children who were acutely emotionally disturbed. The All-Children's Hospital Staff and Board will explore the possibilities of setting up an emergency room for this purpose with Mound Park Hospital, the respective medical staffs of the two hospitals, and with the City of St. Petersburg.

MOTION

Approval of Expenditures for October

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Baker seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures dated September 29th, Check #2166, Checks #2167 through #2239 dated November 2, 1967; and Checks #2240 and 2241 dated November 30, 1967.

Dr. Finck explained that the sum of \$532.58 represented expense for Workmen's Compensation which was formerly paid for by the Board of County Commissioners.

MOTION

Approval of Salaries for November

Mrs. Speer moved, and Judge Halvorsen seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries for November, 1967, on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial statements for October and for fiscal 1966-67 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that balances totaling \$26,913.86 had been accumulated in excess of the amount budgeted. These balances had accumulated in great part because of unfilled positions in the Child Guidance Clinic and the State Department of Public Welfare.

MOTION

Transfer of Balances
to Contingency Fund

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Baker seconded a motion which carried, to transfer the year-end balances totaling \$26,913.86 to the Contingency Fund.

The Trust Fund report for the year 1966-67 was reviewed by the Board.

The reports of Children in Foster Care for the month of September 1967 and for Fiscal 1966-67 were reviewed by the Board. The annual report showed comparisons between children cared for in the past year with the previous year 1965-66. Dr. Finck presented a report from the State Department of Public Welfare, indicating that the estimated cost of increasing the Board rate for teenagers by 50¢ a day would amount to approximately \$22,050 in the course of a year.

MOTION

Increase in Board Rate
for Children 13 to 17
Years of Age

Judge Halvorsen moved, and Mrs. Baker seconded a motion which carried, to increase the board rate from \$2.00 to \$2.50 a day for children between their 12th and 17th birthdays.

A report on Challe Sue Valery from the Brown Schools was received. The Brown Schools recommended that she continue in their care through the coming school year.

MOTION

Extension of Care in
the Brown Schools for
Challe Sue Valery

Mrs. Baker moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to continue the payment of care for Challe Sue Valery at the Brown Schools, Austin, Texas, for the remainder of the school year 1967-68.

Dr. Finck presented a preliminary report on group home facilities, including a detailed report by the State Department of Public Welfare on their experience in operating a group home for teenaged girls in Tampa from 1960 through 1963. This report discussed some of the problems about staffing and zoning such a facility and stated that the per capita daily cost was about \$5.00 per girl. It was also stated that the Division of Youth Services was considering the possibility of setting up group homes as halfway houses in the near future. The Board discussed the report and decided not to take any further action at this time.

The Board discussed some ways in which a recognition for foster parents might be given by the Board and the possibilities of a Christmas celebration were discussed with the members of the Child Welfare Division who were present.

MOTION

Approval of Agreement
with State Department
of Public Welfare

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the Inter-Agency Agreement for 1967-68 with the State Department of Public Welfare.

MOTION

Approval of Agreement
with Child Guidance
Clinic

Judge Halvorsen moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the Inter-Agency Agreement for 1967-68 with the Child Guidance Clinic

A letter from Play Parc School was read, expressing appreciation of the Board's increased support.

Dr. Finck stated that the Community Services Council wanted recommendations for their award to the person contributing most to the youth in the County during the year 1967. The Board agreed to consider this matter at the next meeting.

MOTION

Payment of Necessary
Expenditures for NASW
Institute, Biloxi,
Mississippi, July 7-12,
1968

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Baker seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request for the payment of necessary expenses for the marriage and family counseling staff to attend the National Association of Social Workers Institute on Family Therapy, Biloxi, Mississippi, July 7 - 12, 1968.

The Activities Report for the month of October 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, December 7th, in the County Office Building, Clearwater.


Mrs. Roy M. Speer
Secretary