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Meeting in Clearwater
August 3, 1967

PRESENT: County Commissioner John W. Bonsey who acted as Chairman; Mrs. Charles S. Baker, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and Mrs. Roy M. Speer. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Marriage and Family Counselor.

MOTION Approval of Minutes Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the June 1st meeting.

MOTION Confirmation of Approval of Salaries for June and July and Expenditures for June Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to confirm the telephone approval of four Board members of salaries for June and July, Checks #1748 through #1788, and #1823 through #1862; and also expenditures for June, Checks #1789 through #1822.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures for July Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Baker seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for July, Checks #1863 through #1891 including a check for "Refund of Prior Year's Revenue" in the amount of $3.84 which was transferred from Contingency Fund.

MOTION Approval of Salaries for August Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Baker seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for August 1967 on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial statements for June and July 1967 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck pointed out that the formerly separate financial reports and statements had been combined into one single report on the recommendation of the State Auditor. The combined report carries all of the information formerly listed in the two separate reports.

The reports of children in foster care for the months of May and June 1967 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck pointed out that no State funds were available after the first of May 1967 to pay for children in foster care; consequently, the number of children receiving care from Juvenile Welfare Board funds increased from 332 in May to 387 in June. He stated further that funds were made available in the first part of July to pay for June expenses of children and that the report for July 1967 would show a corresponding decrease in the number of children aided by Juvenile Welfare Board funds.

MOTION Increase in Monthly Fees at Montanari School for Frank Inguaggiato Mrs. Baker moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request from the State Department of Public Welfare for an increase in the monthly fees at Montanari School for Frank Inguaggiato effective September 1, 1967. The Board also reviewed a current report on Frank's progress at the School and in the public schools.
Dr. Finck presented a request from Family and Children's Service, Inc. for permission to pay $195.00 (estimated cost of orthodontic care for Lois Ann Flor, a child in the hard-to-place-for-adoption program supported by Juvenile Welfare Board funds.) Dr. Finck explained that previous expenditures by the Board had been limited to emergency extractions and fillings and that the approval of this request would establish a policy for all children in foster care. A question was raised as to the advisability of paying for elective dental care through tax funds.

**MOTION**

**Request for Orthodontic Care for Lois Ann Flor**

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to deny the request of Family and Children's Service for orthodontic care for Lois Ann Flor and to express the hope that it might be possible to secure money for this needed service through some other organization.

Dr. Finck reported that he had received applications for the Marriage and Family Counselor to work with the three United Fund supported Day Nurseries in St. Petersburg. Miss Elizabeth Good who had had extensive experience in family service organizations, including a day nursery, was interviewed in the County on June 19th. Dr. Finck stated that Miss Good decided not to accept the offered position because a reduction in salary plus ineligibility for retirement would be too great a financial problem for her. Dr. Finck stated that efforts to secure a person with experience in social work and some education in child development would continue and that the position would be readvertised.

**MOTION**

**Invitation to Judge Jack A. Page of the Juvenile Court**

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to invite the second Juvenile Court Judge, Jack A. Page, to attend the Juvenile Welfare Board meetings as a non-voting participant.

Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Marriage and Family Counselor, presented an example of his work with a family, using taped therapy sessions to illustrate the way in which he had used sessions with a six member family in his counseling work. Board members asked many questions about the way in which Dr. Edwards worked with the family, and the taped material provided an excellent means of illustrating clearly just what happened in a family therapy session.

The Activities Reports for the months of June and July, 1967, were 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, September 7th, in the County Office Building, Clearwater.

Mrs. Charles S. Baker
Secretary