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PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Vice Chairman; Commissioner Don Jones; Judge Jack A. Page; and Dr. Gus Sakkis. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Dr. Coleman opened the meeting by requesting Dr. Edwards to serve as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Eckert.

Mrs. Mullins, echoed by other Board members, expressed appreciation for the distinctive brochure recently printed by staff and for the beautiful Juvenile Welfare Board office building.

MOTION Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 1977-78
Commissioner Jones moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to reappoint the present slate of officers for the fiscal year 1977-78: Dr. Coleman, Chairman; Mrs. Mullins, Vice Chairman; and Mrs. Eckert, Secretary.

MOTION Approval of Minutes and UPARC Request
Commissioner Jones moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of September 8, 1977 and a revision of funding arrangements with the Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Children as follows: speech therapy will be reimbursed at the rate of $10.89 per hour; occupational therapy at the rate of $11.12 per hour; and physical therapy at the rate of $10.00 per hour. No Juvenile Welfare Board funds will be utilized for Title XX match for UPARC. The effective date will be October 1, 1977, and Dr. Edwards will sign the new annual agreement because of time restraints.

The request from Pinellas Youth Homes has been withdrawn.

MOTION Authorization to Pay Fees and to Proceed with Bids for Sprinkler System, etc.
Commissioner Jones moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to authorize payment from the educational fund for the following: Sandy Columbus, St. Petersburg Junior College, Accounting $50; Will Michaels, Science Center, Fortran $25; and Doris Kelly, Science Center, Fortran $25; upon successful completion of the courses. This motion also authorized Mr. Markman to proceed with bids to add to the current sprinkler system, to install six shallow wells and to sod the area on the south side of the building along 41st Avenue. The sprinkler system next to the building will remain on city water as recommended by the contractors.

Mr. Markman presented to the Board an organizational chart of Juvenile Welfare Board accounting functions as recommended in the auditor's report.

MOTION Approval of Cost-of-Living Salary Adjustment
Judge Page moved, and Commissioner Jones seconded a motion which carried to grant a one-step (5%) cost-of-living increment for Juvenile Welfare Board employees operating under the Juvenile Welfare Board Personnel Practices, effective October 1, 1977 to include employees employed on the first working day in October. The cost-of-living increases amount to: Administration, $6,583; Marriage and Family Counseling, $9,207; Community Services, $9,808; License Board, $11,510; and Youth Services System Advisory Council, $1,228; for a total of $38,336 to be transferred from Contingency.
MOTION
Authorization to Transfer to M&FC Salary Budget

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Commissioner Jones seconded a motion which carried to transfer $6,306 from the Community Services salary budget to the Marriage and Family Counseling salary budget for necessary adjustment for Mr. Bill Neet's assignment to the Marriage and Family Counseling unit.

There was no financial statement presented because the bookkeeping department is preparing a final statement for fiscal year 1976-77.

MOTION
Approval to Sign 1977-78 Agreements

Commissioner Jones moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the 1977-78 agency agreements with the following agencies: Alternative Human Services, Inc.; Big Brothers of Pinellas County, Inc.; Big Sisters of Pinellas County, Inc.; The District Mental Health Board; Community Youth Services, Inc.; Consumer Credit Counseling Services for Pinellas County, Inc.; Diagnostic Center; Florence Nightingale Circle, Inc.; United Way of Pinellas County, Inc.; Latchkey Services for School Age Children in Pinellas, Inc.; Operation PAR, Inc.; The Pinellas Association for Retarded Children; Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes; Pinellas Youth Homes, Inc.; and The Science Center of Pinellas County, Inc. This motion also approved and authorized the Executive Director to sign the 1977-78 agency agreement with The School Board of Pinellas County.

MOTION
Approval of Project Playpen Restructuring

Commissioner Jones moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve the restructuring of Project Playpen staff, effective October 1, 1977, as follows: a one grade reclassification for Lee Fielding to Secretary I (Grade 30 step 1 - $7,924.80); an upgrading of the Secretary I position recently vacated to Accounting Clerk (Grade 31 step 1 - $8,278.40); a one grade reclassification for Margaret Young to Casework Supervisor (Grade 46 step 7 - $22,172.80); and a four grade promotion for Ruth Glennie to Project Administrator (Grade 43 step 4 - $16,660.80); all within the same dollar amount allotted to Project Playpen.

The Board decided to again delay acceptance of the Juvenile Welfare Board Project until Mrs. Holland had been consulted.

The Board deferred until the next meeting the reviewing and assignment of Board members to Youth Services System Advisory Council committees for 1977-78.

MOTION
Selection of Legislative Award Winner

Commissioner Jones moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to select Representative S. Curtis Kiser as the Legislative Award winner for 1977.

MOTION
Designation of Board Member to Present Award

Dr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to designate Commissioner Jones to present the Legislative Award to Representative Kiser at the Fourth Annual Juvenile Welfare Board Legislative Workshop on November 1, 1977.

Dr. Edwards reported that the Board of County Commissioners would be reviewing the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes before January 1, 1978 to see how the Pinellas Sundown Act might affect them and reporting their findings and recommendations to the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation no later than February 1, 1978. A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of County Commissioners, probably during November to review all agencies covered by this new legislation.
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve the following policy statement for funded agencies: The replacement of terminated employees shall not increase the Juvenile Welfare Board salary and fringe allocation to the funded agency during the subject fiscal year.

Commissioner Jones moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve a Special Services to Children Award to be given to the St. Petersburg Times because of the free youth employment ads run at the beginning of the summer.

Dr. Coleman explained that because of personal problems he had not been able to go over the questionnaires returned by staff and funded-agency directors to help in evaluating Dr. Edwards' performance during the past year; nor had he been able to meet with the other members on the Personnel Committee. Mrs. Mullins will handle the work of the Personnel Committee while Dr. Coleman is away for two weeks, and the annual evaluation of the Executive Director will be returned to the November agenda.

The quarterly activities report for Dr. Edwards was noted by the Board.

A new brochure incorporating a July 5, 1977 article from the St. Petersburg Independent showing the allocations the Juvenile Welfare Board has made to agencies serving children was examined by the Board.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that the average daily conference room usage for September was 61.

Mr. Glackin is going to look into the need for an amendment to the Juvenile Welfare Board Act changing the terminology for membership on the Juvenile Welfare Board from "both Judges of the Juvenile Court" to "Judges assigned to the Juvenile Division". Mr. Glackin reported that Mr. Leonard Cooperman had compiled the current composite law at the request of the previous director, Dr. George Finck. Therefore, Mr. Glackin was of the opinion the composite law in existence accurately reflects the original legislation and ensuing amendments.

Dr. Edwards showed the Board members a plaque from Latchkey Services for School Age Children in Pinellas County, Inc. expressing appreciation to the Board.

Dr. Coleman wanted the Board to know that he had recently been elected as a trustee of the Eckerd Foundation. No conflict of interest seemed involved because Juvenile Welfare Board funding toward the Eckerd Camps goes through the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. At present there are five Eckerd Camps, the most recent having been opened in North Carolina.

Dr. Coleman adjourned the meeting.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be as follow: November 1, 1977 (Legislative Workshop); November 10, 1977 (Juvenile Welfare Board meeting) and December 8, 1977 (Juvenile Welfare Board meeting).

Raymond L. Edwards, Ph.D., Acting Secretary