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Meeting in Clearwater
March 2, 1967

PRESENT: Juvenile Judge Robert A. Halvorsen who acted as Chairman; Mrs. Charles S. Baker, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Roy M. Speer; and County Commissioner John W. Bonsey. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mr. Wesley Jenkins, Executive Director, Family and Children's Service, Inc.

MOTION Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Holland moved, and Commissioner Bonsey seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the February 2nd meeting.

Mr. Wesley Jenkins, Executive Director, Family and Children's Service, Inc., spoke about the general needs of the adoption program carried out by his agency and support for hard-to-place children by Juvenile Welfare Board funds. He stressed the need for experimentation in the field of adoption because of the greatly increased supply of adoptable children and the relatively static number of parents applying for children. He believed that continued work with one-parent families, with the subsidization of adoption, and with the liberalization of adoption requirements was necessary. He described the situation in regard to a five year old boy, severely handicapped by eczema, who might be accepted for adoption by the foster family with whom he lived if a subsidy were provided for the first year.

MOTION Approval of Continued Foster Care for Michael Odom
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the continuation of foster care at a rate not to exceed $75.00 a month for Michael Odom in order to subsidize his adoption by the foster family.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures for February
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for February: Checks #1412, 1439, 1449, 1454, and 1455 dated February 28th; and checks #1456 through #1500 dated March 2, 1967.

MOTION Approval of Salary Checks for March
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for March on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial report and statement for the month of February 1967 were reviewed by the Board. The report of children in foster care for the month of January 1967 was discussed by the Board.

Commissioner Bonsey moved that the members of the Board appointed by the Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction be reimbursed $25.00 a month for travel expenses. There was considerable discussion on this motion and when it failed to receive a second, Commissioner Bonsey withdrew it. It was the general feeling of the members present that while they appreciated the fact that their services were recognized, the payment of travel expenses from tax monies was not desirable at this time.

Dr. Finck read correspondence with Congressman Burke concerning the Federal amendment to include child welfare services (H.R. 1977).
MOTION

Approval of Expenses
for Advertising and
Interviewing

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve necessary expenses for advertising and interviewing the new member of the Marriage and Family Counseling staff who would be employed after June 1st to work with the three day nurseries in greater St. Petersburg.

The procedures for the 1967-68 budget were discussed by the Board, and it was agreed that the final budget would be passed at the June meeting and that a draft of the budget would be considered at the May meeting. It was further agreed that the agencies requesting funds from the Juvenile Welfare Board would be asked to submit a copy of their recent audit as well as a total budget for the period in which they were asking for Juvenile Welfare Board funds.

The Nineteenth Annual Report of the Juvenile Welfare Board for the year ending September 30, 1966, was presented to the Board.

The Activities Reports for the month of February 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, April 6th, in the County Office Building, Clearwater.

Mrs. Charles S. Baker
Secretary