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Meeting in Clearwater
May 4, 1967

PRESENT: County Commissioner John W. Bonsey who acted as Chairman; Mrs. Charles S. Baker, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Roy M. Speer; and Juvenile Judge Robert A. Halvorsen. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Dr. Fred Hoffman, representing Dr. Thomas B. Southard, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Halvorsen seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the April 6th meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures
Judge Halvorsen moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for May: Checks #1630 through #1667 dated May 4; and checks #1668 and 1669 dated May 31, 1967; and the payment of salaries for May 1967 as budgeted, contingent on the completion of satisfactory service.

The financial report and statement for the month of April 1967 were discussed, and the Chairman directed that they be received and filed.

MOTION
Refund of Prior Year Revenue
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to issue a check for $2.85 from "Refund of Prior Year Revenue" and to transfer this amount from the Contingency Fund.

The report of children in foster care for the month of March 1967 was discussed by the Board.

MOTION
Adjustment of Salary Raises for Mrs. Carl and Mrs. Doty
Mrs. Speer moved, and Judge Halvorsen seconded a motion which carried, to approve the adjustment of salary raises granted in error to Mrs. Carl and Mrs. Doty by the State Department of Public Welfare. This adjustment is to be accomplished by decreasing the salaries of Mrs. Carl and Mrs. Doty by $20.00 a month for five months until the sum of $100.00 is accumulated, the amount of raise received by them in error. Mrs. Carl and Mrs. Doty have signed notes to cover the sum of $100.00 each in the event that they should leave the employment of the State Department of Public Welfare before the $100.00 is regained. This arrangement has been approved in discussion with Mr. Williams, the State Auditor.

Dr. Finck announced that Dr. White of the Child Guidance Clinic had begun consultation with the Child Welfare Division on April 18th. Present plans include meeting with the group once a month instead of with the entire group twice a month.

MOTION
Payment of Supervisors' visits by Visiting Nurse Association
Judge Halvorsen moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the Visiting Nurse Association's request for the payment of supervisors' visits at the rate of $5.25 an hour to families using Homemaker Service paid for in part or in whole by Juvenile Welfare Board funds. The Visiting Nurse Association stated that their recent experience indicated that about five visits a month would be necessary in order to make the necessary arrangements.
MOTION
Renewal of Lease
Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Baker seconded a motion which carried, to renew the lease at 3455 First Avenue South for two years at the same rate and under the same terms as the present lease.

MOTION
Approval of Transportation Expense for Director
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of the Director for use of agency car in order to attend the University of Florida Conference on "The Young Child -- Florida's Future" to be held June 16th and 17th. The University will take care of Dr. Finck's on-campus expenses.

The Juvenile Welfare Board Budget for 1967-68 was discussed at length and in detail by the Board. Dr. Finck explained the significant aspects of this Budget which represents approximately a 5% decrease in the tax levy from the Budget of 1966-67. Dr. Finck also explained the way in which he had used and adapted the Jacobs Report which was made to the Board of County Commissioners on the Salary Survey and Review of Compensation Plan, November 1966. There was considerable discussion of the Child Guidance Clinic's request for the payment of a salary of $16,000 for a Chief Clinical Psychologist. Dr. Finck expressed Dr. Coleman's feelings that this salary should not be higher than that paid to the Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board. Dr. Finck explained that the Child Guidance Clinic had a particularly experienced and well-trained person in mind who had previously held an administrative position. The Clinic stated that it would be necessary to offer this person $16,000 in order to secure his services.

MOTION
Approval of Salary of Clinical Psychologist
Judge Halvorsen moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve a salary of $16,000 for the Chief Clinical Psychologist for the Child Guidance Clinic on the condition that this salary apply only to the person presently under consideration and with the stipulation that if another applicant is considered, the salary discussion begin with $14,000.

MOTION
Approval of Tentative Budget with Director's Salary
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Baker seconded a motion which carried, to approve the budget as presented and subject to final scrutiny at the June meeting with the stipulation that the salary of the Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board be set at $16,500.

The Activities Reports for the month of April 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, June 1st, in the County Office Building, Clearwater.

Mrs. Charles S. Baker
Secretary