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Meeting in Clearwater
April 11, 1968

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary; Mrs. Charles S. Baker; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and County Commissioner Charles E. Rainey. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mr. Pat Stanford, Director, Camp E-How-Kee; Judge Jack Page; and Mr. Ted Hanscom.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Baker seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the March 7th meeting.

Dr. Finck introduced Mr. Pat Stanford, Director of Camp E-How-Kee, and explained that Judge Page and he had both visited the camp on March 13th as members of the Advisory Committee. Mr. Stanford showed slides of the Salesmanship Club Boys' Ranch in Texas which was the model for Camp E-How-Kee. He stated that there were now eight boys in residence and that they were expecting four more by the end of the month. There is a total of more than sixty applications for boys between the ages of seven and fourteen. Mr. Stanford said that there were three counselors and an assistant director on the staff in addition to himself. He told the Board that the average stay at the Texas camp was eighteen months and that the range was from six months to three years. He said that when the boys returned to public school after the informal learning by doing at the camp, they were able to enter at their chronological grade level even though they were an average of two years retarded in school when they came to the camp.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for March
Commissioner Rainey moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for March: Checks #2554 through #2605 dated March 29; Checks #2606 through #2634 dated April 4; Check #2637 dated April 11; and Checks #2635 and #2636 dated April 30, 1968.

Dr. Finck explained that some of these checks were for Social Security refunds for persons who had worked part-time and who were not eligible for State retirement. He also stated that the printing bill for the Twentieth Annual Report was $100.00 instead of $110.00, the amount originally stated.

MOTION
Approval of Salaries for April
Mrs. Holland moved, and Commissioner Rainey seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for April 1968 on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial report for the month of March 1968 was reviewed by the Board.

MOTION
Transfer of Funds from Contingency to Prior Years Receipts
Mrs. Holland moved, and Commissioner Rainey seconded a motion which carried, to transfer the sum of $23.41 from Contingency to "Refund Prior Years Receipts" and to reimburse the Board of County Commissioners.

The report of Children in Foster Care for the months of February and March 1968 was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck read a letter from Mr. Joseph Ems, Director of Pinellas County Bureau of Social Services, requesting that the Board assume financial responsibility for the hospitalization of children in foster care beginning October 1, 1968. There was discussion of this matter and also of the possibility of private hospitalization insurance, but no action was taken.
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of necessary expenses for Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hanscom to attend the meeting of the Child Welfare League of America in New Orleans, May 20-22, 1968.

Dr. Finck read a letter from the President of the Visiting Nurse Association expressing appreciation for the Juvenile Welfare Board's support of the Homemaker program and expressing regret that this program would be terminated as of September 30, 1968.

Dr. Finck reported on the Final Audit of the accounts of the Juvenile Welfare Board, 1958-66, by reading a letter from Mr. Ron Schnell, Assistant County Attorney. Mr. Schnell stated that he had talked with Mr. Williams, the local representative of the Legislative Auditor, and that Mr. Williams had agreed that the deletion of the two sentences, "However, the License Board did not appear to possess the authority to accept this assistance since its governing law established it as the independent board and specified the sources of operating funds. There was no apparent authority for the License Board to remit fees collected to the Board of Juvenile Welfare," meant that there is no present serious criticism concerning this phase of the Audit Report and that the Auditors are not suggesting a departure from this procedure. Dr. Finck stated that, apparently, all outstanding questions about the Auditor's Report are now resolved.

Commissioner Rainey moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve a request for 4 days of sick leave for William E. Neet because of illness incurred in the line of duty.

Commissioner Rainey moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve a request for 6 days of professional leave and 6 days of travel time for Dr. Finck to attend the Seventh International Congress on Mental Health in London, England, August 12-17, 1968.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Commissioner Rainey seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of necessary expenses for the marriage counseling staff to attend the conference of the Florida Health and Welfare Council at Daytona Beach, May 9-11, 1968.

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to set the next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board for May 9, 1968, in the County Office Building, Clearwater.

The Activities Reports for March were considered by the Board.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.