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Meeting in Clearwater
October 10, 1968

PRESENT: Reverend Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell; and Juvenile Court Judge Jack M. Page. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mr. William Neet, Marriage and Family Counselor, Juvenile Welfare Board; and Mr. Robert Marshall, Chief Counselor, Pinellas County Juvenile Court.

MOTION Approval of Minutes
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 5, 1968.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures for September
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for September: Checks #2997 through #3080 dated September 30; and checks #3081 through #3086 dated October 10; and check #3087 dated October 31, 1968.

MOTION Approval of Salaries for October
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for October 1968 on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial statement for September 1968 was reviewed by the Board. The preliminary figures for fiscal 1967-68 showed that the Board's expenditures were within the amounts budgeted and that expenditures were approximately $30,000 less than budgeted.

MOTION Transfer of Funds from Contingency to Bonds and Insurance
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to transfer the sum of $41.68 from Contingency to Bonds and Insurance to cover the extra costs of increased Major Medical insurance program premiums.

MOTION Transfer of Funds from License Board Balance to Office Expense
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to transfer $68.31 from the License Board balance to Office Expense to cover the amount for the replacement of the typewriter which was previously authorized by the Board.

Dr. Finck reported that he had written all of the commercial banks in Pinellas County to request their proposals for the investment of tax funds. The amounts would be as follows: $100,000 for one year in October; $100,000 for three months in December; and $200,000 for six months in January.

MOTION Authorization to Accept Proposal
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to authorize the Director to accept the high bid on proposals from commercial banks for the investment of tax funds in Certificates of Deposit.

Dr. Finck reported that a request for bids for the sale of the agency car had been published in the St. Petersburg Independent under the dates of October 2, 3, and 4 and that the advertisement had stated that bids would be received up to and including October 11th. As of the date of the meeting, no bids had yet been received in writing.
The report of children in foster care for the month of August 1968 was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that the number of children in care was approximately the same as for the previous month although more children were cared for on State funds and fewer on Juvenile Welfare Board funds. The number of days of care showed an increase from the preceding month.

The Agreements with the Child Welfare Division of the State Department of Public Welfare, the Child Guidance Clinic, Family and Children's Service, Inc., Peter Pan School for Retarded Children, and Play Parc School for Retarded Children were reviewed by the Board. The changes in these agreements for fiscal 1968-69 from the previous agreements were explained. In general, the changes included differences in increased amounts and in the modification of the salary scale used to determine ability to pay for day care in the two schools for retarded children.

MOTION
Approval of Agreements for 1968-69

MOTION
Election of Chairman
Mrs. Speer nominated, and Judge Page seconded the nomination of, Dr. Coleman to be Chairman of the Board for 1968-1969. Mrs. Bissell moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to close the nominations.

MOTION
Election of Secretary
Judge Page nominated, and Mrs. Bissell seconded the nomination of, Mrs. Roy M. Speer as Secretary for 1968-1969. Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to close the nominations.

Dr. Finck reported on the two meetings which had been held to plan for the Special Foster Homes authorized by the Board in the 1968-69 budget. He reported that the second of these meetings was attended by Miss Frances Davis, Director of the Division of Child Welfare from the State Department of Public Welfare in Jacksonville. Dr. Finck said that the results of the two meetings with Judge Jack M. Page, Mrs. Elouise Irwin, Dr. Fred Hoffman of the Pinellas County Schools, and Mrs. Ada M. Sommer of the Child Guidance Clinic were to plan for two separate homes. One of these homes would be designated as a special foster home to be operated by the State Department of Public Welfare; and the other, a group home to be operated by the Juvenile Court.

MOTION
Approval of Plans for Two Facilities for Girls
Mrs. Bissell moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the planning for two separate facilities for teenage girls: One, a special foster home to be operated by the State Department of Public Welfare; and the second, a group home to be operated by the Pinellas County Juvenile Court.

Mr. William Neet, Marriage and Family Counselor, was introduced to the Board and explained the work that he has been doing with the three United Fund-supported day nurseries in St. Petersburg. These nurseries are Community Day North and Community Day South which are under the direction of the Child Care Committee, and Happy Workers which is under the direction of the Children's Interracial Committee. Mr. Neet stated that there were about 350 children in 300 families
involved in these three day care facilities. He divided his work under four headings: 1. Direct services to families; 2. Consultation to the staff of the day nurseries; 3. Cooperation with the sponsoring committees (the Child Care Committee and the Children's Interracial Committee); and 4. The exploration and use of community resources to help with the needs uncovered in the course of his work.

The Activities Reports for the month of September 1968 and for the year ending September 30, 1968, 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 on Thursday, November 7, 1968, in the County Office Building, Clearwater, at 9:30 A.M.

Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary