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Dr. Coleman asked that Chaplain Stith open the meeting with a prayer.

MOTION 
Approval of Items Without Exception

A. Salaries: as budgeted for November on completion of satisfactory service.

B. Minutes: of October 2, 1975.

C. Endorsement of Family Counseling Center special hard-to-place adoption project funded by two-year grant from Edna McConnell Clark Foundation.

D. Endorsement of Title IV-A(XX) Day Care Management Study to be accomplished by State of Florida.

E. Approval of leave of absence without pay for Ms. Betty Sheehy.

Chaplain Stith moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve the request for salary adjustments from the Family Counseling Center as revised by Dr. Edwards as follow: Mrs. Martha R. Austin from $11,582.68 to $11,910; and Mr. Michael Mesler from $11,030.36 to $11,150, both effective November 1, 1975. Mrs. Cecilia E. Jensen had received a 4.06% merit increment October 1, 1975 and was not granted an additional adjustment.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to defer action on the Family Counseling Center request for additional supplementation for a hard-to-place child until Mr. John Herndon (District Administrator, Social and Economic Services Program) responds regarding review of the interagency agreement between Family Counseling Center and the Social and Economic Services Program and reconsideration of Family Counseling Center's appeal to the Social and Economic Services Program to convert this family to a foster care family.

Chaplain Stith moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve the transfer of non-secure detention project property from the Juvenile Welfare Board inventory to State control and inventory. The Administrative staff was instructed to recover whatever funds might be possible from this transaction.
Mr. Markman discussed in detail the final financial statement for 1974-75, the financial statement for October 1975 and the Program Budgetary Reports for both September and October 1975 with the Board. The Board requested a "layman's explanation" be attached to next year's final financial statement.

Mr. Markman reviewed the expenses as budgeted for September: Check #2351 through #2453; Check #2468 through #2474 dated September 30, 1975; Check #2454 through #2459 dated October 10, 1975; Check #2475 through #2530, Check #2461 and #2466 dated October 31, 1975. He noted that Check #2427 dated September 30, 1975 was for an addressing system previously approved by the Board.

Mr. Markman also informed the Board that payment of tax refunds would be made from the "Tax Assessment" allocation.

Dr. Edwards reviewed the 1975-76 Board Meeting Schedule and discussed the possibilities for improved attendance at Board meetings if the Work Session day were changed.

MOTION  
Approval to Change Work Session Day  
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to change the Board's Work Session day to the last Thursday of the month. The Regular Meeting remains as scheduled - the first Thursday of the month. The Board requested a revised schedule be completed and mailed to all Board members.

The Board agreed to have a combined Work Session/Regular Meeting on both December 4, 1975 and January 8, 1976 because of the intervening holidays.

Dr. Coleman reappointed Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins as the Board's representative to the Child & Family Comprehensive Mental Health Clinic, Inc. and Mrs. James D. Eckert as the Board's representative to the Family Counseling Center, and stated that he himself would continue to serve as representative to the United Way Board. Dr. Coleman appointed Chaplain Stith to serve as representative to the Pinellas County License Board. Mrs. Holland asked that she not be assigned to a board since she is serving in an advisory capacity to a non-funded agency.

The Board reviewed the report of children in care and the activity reports.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that the Juvenile Welfare Board sponsored Legislative Workshop would be held on November 19, 1975 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ramada Inn in Clearwater.

Dr. Edwards reported that approximately 150 people had attended the Foster Parent Workshop held October 28 - 30.

At the conclusion of this part of the meeting the members of the Board met with Dr. Edwards to hear the recommendations of the Personnel Committee as to the evaluation and reappointment of the Executive Director. Dr. Edwards received an excellent rating in terms of the following: relationship with the Board; general leadership; personnel employment and management; office and property management; fiscal management and control; and operational responsibility of Juvenile Welfare Board programs. The Board felt they were not as well informed about the Marriage and Family Counseling Unit as they had been in the past and asked several questions to update their comprehension of this program. Mrs. Holland expressed an appreciation for the way Dr. Edwards related specifically why he was for or against various requests coming to the Board and that he was not a "yes man". Mrs. Mullins pointed out Dr. Edward's
willingness to disagree with the Board several times in the past and felt this was a valuable asset to have in an Executive Director.

MOTION

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to reappoint the Executive Director for one year and to grant a 5% merit increment, both effective October 1, 1975.

The business portion of the meeting was declared adjourned. Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Mullins, Mrs. Eckert, Mrs. Holland and various staff met at the site of the new Juvenile Welfare Board office complex to observe official ground breaking ceremonies. Dr. George H. Finck, former Director, and Mrs. Nenabelle Dame, first employee, were in attendance.

The next meeting will be a combined Work Session/Regular Meeting on December 4, 1975 at 9:30 a.m., Juvenile Detention Center.

Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary