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PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Dr. Fred W. Hoffman, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services, representing Dr. Gus Sakkis; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Judge Robert F. Michael; Commissioner Charles E. Rainey, and Chaplain Moses Stith. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Dr. Coleman called the meeting to order and requested Chaplain Stith to offer a prayer.

Three members of the PACER staff - Mrs. Charlene Bennett, Project Supervisor; Mrs. Betty M. Royer, Program Coordinator; and Mr. Thom Shuman, Planning Technician - reviewed with the Board the activities of the Parent and Child Effective Relations Project during the past year.

The Board recognized that Commissioner Rainey had served faithfully on the Board during his term of office and voiced appreciation for his help in many areas. Commissioner Rainey asked that the Board feel free to call on him if he could help in the future.

Board members indicated that each of them had received correspondence from a representative of the Communication Workers of America requesting "...recognition as the exclusive bargaining agent for all Juvenile Welfare Board employees now working in state positions and supervised by Florida State employees...."

MOTION Commissioner Rainey moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to acknowledge receiving and filing the letter from the representative of the Communication Workers of America and to instruct Mr. Glackin to be in contact with Mr. W. Gray Dunlap, County Attorney, in this matter.

MOTION Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to approve the items without exception as follow:

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

B. Minutes: of November 6, 1975.

Mr. Glackin informed the Board that the appraisal of the 49th Street property (Block D, Clearview Disston Sub. No. 3) had been completed by Stanley J. Boden, M.A.I., with a market value opinion of $395,000.

MOTION Commissioner Rainey moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to receive and file the appraisal of Block D, Clearview Disston Sub. No. 3, as prepared by Mr. Boden.
Mr. Glackin stated that the survey on the Lake Chautauqua property had been completed and that he hoped to close on that property next week.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to authorize the Executive Director to be the agent to approve change orders up to $15,000 over the base price of the building.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to deny the request of the Juvenile Services Program for partial funding.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that, since there was not enough information available at this time, the Family Counseling Center had withdrawn its request for increased foster care rates.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Mullins moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to authorize implementation of three more group homes, or a total of eighteen, for the Social and Economic Services Program, effective November 1, 1975. No additional funds were allocated by this action; therefore lapse funds (up to a maximum of $13,200) within the SES allocation must provide for the increase.

Mr. Markman reviewed the Program Budgetary Report for November with the Board and the expenses as budgeted for October: check #2531 dated November 2, 1975; check #2532 dated November 7, 1975; check #2533 through #2591 dated November 10, 1975; and check #2599 through #2616 dated November 26, 1975.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Chaplain Stith seconded a motion which carried to authorize Dr. Edwards to use his discretion in approving and signing an agreement with the State on Project Playpen for the period January 1, 1976 - September 30, 1976, since such action may need to be taken before the Board meets again. The contract is to be within the amount allocated in the 1975-76 budget for Project Playpen.

Dr. Edwards presented a statistical report on the Marriage and Family Counseling Unit for the past two years for the Board's information in this area of service.

Dr. Edwards also reported on the successful Second Annual Legislative Workshop on Services to Children which was held on November 19th. A highlight of this workshop was the presentation of the First Annual Legislative Award for Services to Children to Representative Mary R. Grizzle, primarily for her work relating to the establishment of statewide licensing for children's centers. Copies of Dr. Edwards' workshop summary, "10 Public Enemies of Children", were distributed to the Board. A summary of the workshop will be mailed to all participants and legislators.
The Board noted the report of children in care and the activity reports, which included a quarterly report from Big Brothers.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that the Juvenile Welfare Board PACER Project had been abstracted in the Research Relating to Children Bulletin #34.

Judge Michael stated that Judge Page and Judge Dadswell would be assigned to the Juvenile Division effective January 1, 1976.

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be a combined workshop/regular meeting on January 8, 1976 at 9:30 a.m., Juvenile Detention Center.

Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary