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Meeting February 1, 1973
at the Townhouse in Clearwater

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Vice-Chairman, who presided in the absence of Mrs. Speer; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Commissioner George R. Brumfield; Mrs. H. W. Holland, Judge Jack A. Page and Judge William L. Walker. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Townhouse personnel; Mr. Gerald Rehm, Mr. Buford McKenzie, Mr. Paul Neuhann, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lindstrom and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fleming; Division of Youth Services personnel: Mr. Robert Bell and Mr. Robert Marshall; Project Playpen Supervisor Bill Neet; Guests: Mrs. Jack Eckerd and Mrs. Ellen Spivey (Executive Secretary - District Mental Health Board).

Mr. Rehm and Mr. McKenzie informed the Board of the progress of the Townhouse (Group Home for Girls) since its inception. The community acceptance has been favorable and the home has had a total of 28 girls, 15 of whom have been returned home, 5 returned to Camp and 8 still in residence. The average time each girl spends in the home is between seven and nine months. The Townhouse is working on an activity report to be presented to the Juvenile Welfare Board on a regular basis and is licensed through July 15, 1973. Judge Page and Judge Walker expressed the opinion that the girls program has been especially successful in holding the girls in an organized Program. Mrs. Holland noted the unique working relationship to provide services to children through a blending of public and private effort.

Mr. Bill Neet, Project Playpen Supervisor, presented the six-month Project Playpen renewal application for April 1973 through September 1973 funding.

MOTION
Approval of 6-month Project Playpen Budget

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the 6-months Project Playpen, Inc. budget as presented by Mr. Neet. The 25% matching portion provided by the Board for this 6-month period is $30,276.70.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of July 19, 1972 and January 4, 1973.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to approve the expenditures for January with the exception of Check #2078 which is to be released at the discretion of the Director: Checks #2039 thru #2101 dated February 1, 1973 and Check #2102 dated February 28, 1973.

MOTION
Approval of Transfer from Contingency

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to transfer $50.25 from Contingency to the National Study Service account to cover the delivery charge on the Survey Reports.

MOTION
Approval of Salaries as Budgeted for February

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve salaries as budgeted for February on completion of satisfactory service.

MOTION
Approval of Child Guidance Clinic Salary Increases

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the Child Guidance Clinic request for five salary increases effective February 1, 1973 as follows: Mrs. Pisters from $14,136 to $14,800; Mrs. Evans from $13,884 to $14,800; Mrs. Cruz from $4,524 to $5,040; Mrs. Verona from $4,506 to $4,800; Mrs.
The financial statement for January 1973 was reviewed by the Board.

The reports of children in care for December and from the Division of Family Services for January were noted.

MOTION Approval of Family and Children’s Service Request

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the request of Family and Children's Service to place specified infant on the Board's hard-to-place funds for a length of time to be at the discretion of the Director.

MOTION Approval of Child's Stay at Montanari

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to continue the child at Montanari for three additional months (February 3, 1973 through May 3, 1973).

MOTION Approval to Pay Medical Bill

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Commissioner Brumfield seconded a motion which carried to pay a medical bill in the amount of $177.64 for former Group Home girl as requested by the Division of Youth Services.

MOTION Approval for Rotating Fund

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to initiate a rotating petty cash fund in the amount of $200.00 for each of 4 LEAA group homes, a total of $800.00.

MOTION Approval for Cultural Enrichment Funds for LEAA homes

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the payment of up to $50.00 per month for each of the 4 LEAA Group Homes for Cultural Enrichment.

MOTION Approval of Volunteer Probation Friend Position

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to fund the new position of Supervisor of Volunteer Probation Friend Program (until and unless funded by the State as requested) at a starting annual salary of $9,709. This position will be administratively under the Division of Youth Services, but the salary will be paid directly by the Juvenile Welfare Board.
MOTION
Approval of
Concept of
Non-secure Program
Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to endorse the concept of the non-secure detention facility and for the Division of Youth Services to pursue the application for a LEAA grant.

MOTION
Approval of Participation in Regional Workshop
Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to approve Dr. Edward's request for the Juvenile Welfare Board to participate in planning Regional Workshop for (Florida) Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

MOTION
Approval of Attendance at Regional Homemaker Meeting
Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to approve necessary travel expenses for Dr. Edwards to attend the Regional Homemaker Meeting February 14-16 in Atlanta.

MOTION
Approval to Terminate Contract with Mr. Moore
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to terminate the remainder of the consultation contract with the National Study Service dated June 29, 1972 due to the unsettled nature of federal funding at this time, but authorized the Director to utilize consultation as provided in the regular budget.

The Activities Reports were reviewed by the Board.

The Board recognized Mrs. Spivey who expressed an interest in cooperative efforts between the Juvenile Welfare Board and the District Mental Health Board. Mrs. Spivey discussed future plans of the District Mental Health Board which include evaluation of local facilities and establishing local mental health priorities.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be on Wednesday, February 21, 1973 (Work Session) and Thursday, March 1, 1973 (Regular Meeting), both to be held at the Juvenile Detention Center.

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary