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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

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

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

MOTION Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion
Approval of which carried to approve the expenditures for January with the
Expenditures 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 Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion
Approval of which carried to transfer \$50.25 from Contingency to the National
Transfer from Study Service account to cover the delivery charge on the Survey
Contingency Reports.

MOTION Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which car-
Approval of ried to approve salaries as budgeted for February on completion
Salaries as of satisfactory service.
Budgeted for
February

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried
Approval of to approve the Child Guidance Clinic request for five salary in-
Child Guidance creases effective February 1, 1973 as follows: Mrs. Pisters from
Clinic Salary \$14,136 to \$14,800; Mrs. Evans from \$13,884 to \$14,800; Mrs. Cruz
Increases from \$4,524 to \$5,040; Mrs. Verona from \$4,506 to \$4,800; Mrs.

Holcomb's vacancy from \$4,512 to \$4,800. All increases are to come from the present allocation to the Child Guidance Clinic.

MOTION
Approval of
Child Guidance
Clinic Request
to Employ
Social Worker

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the request of the Child Guidance Clinic to employ a social worker at \$11,500 annual salary to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Mrs. Ada Sommer and to come from the current allocation.

MOTION
Approval of
License Board
Request

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the request of the License Board to employ a Clerk-Typist I at a beginning annual salary of \$4,784.00 and to purchase a desk, chair, lamp and typewriter at the best acceptable bid.

MOTION
Approval to
Employ Train-
ing Consultant

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to employ a Training Consultant, Ms. Muriel McCord, at a starting annual salary of \$12,667.20 and to purchase a desk and chair to be secured at the best acceptable bid.

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 Ser-
vice 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 En-
richment 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 Pro-
bation 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 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.

Approval of Concept of Non-secure Program

MOTION 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.

Approval of Participation in Regional Workshop

MOTION 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.

Approval of Attendance at Regional Homemaker Meeting

MOTION 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.

Approval to Terminate Contract with Mr. Moore

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