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PRESENT: Mrs. H. W. Holland, Chairman; Mrs. Marilyn Robinson, Secretary; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, who presided; Dr. Robert E. Coleman; Juvenile Court Judge Jack A. Page; and Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction, Gus Sakkis. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Acting Director; Mr. Frank P. Clackin, Jr., Attorney; Mrs. Ann A. Mootz, Director, Cincinnati Home Aid Service; Mr. Ormond Loomis, Supervisor, Division of Family Services.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to approve, as mailed, the minutes of June 1, June 13, and June 21, 1972 meetings.

MOTION
Confirmation of telephone approval of expenditures for June: Checks #1158 through #1265 dated July 6, 1972; and checks #1266 and #1267 dated July 31, 1972; and to approve expenditures for July: Checks #1268 dated July 11, 1972; #1269 dated July 18, 1972; #1270 dated July 21, 1972; checks #1330 through #1380, excluding #1353, 1354, and 1356, dated August 3, 1972; and checks #1381 and #1382 dated August 31, 1972.

MOTION
Approval to pay utility bills for Boys Group Home
Mr. Sakkis moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve Board payment for Boys Group Home #1 utility bills which included part of June, checks #1353, 1354, and 1356 (July portion authorized by previous Board action).

MOTION
Approval of telephone confirmation
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve telephone confirmation of: professional leave for Mr. Neet to attend the Southeastern Day Care Project, Atlanta, July 17-18; Mr. Johnson (DFS) to accompany Mr. Loomis (DFS) and Dr. Edwards on visit to Homemaker Program, Charlotte, N.C., July 7.

MOTION
Request for Travel Expense
Mr. Sakkis moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve travel expenses for Miss Bruce to attend SAGUS Workshop, Memphis, August 14-15.

MOTION
Request for Professional Leave
Dr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve professional leave for Mr. Neet and Mrs. Simpson to attend Day Care Symposium, Jacksonville, August 24-25.

MOTION
Approval of Consultant
Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve contract with National Study Service which would allow Mr. John Moore to act as consultant to the Juvenile Welfare Board in securing federal funds.

MOTION
Approval of Child Guidance Clinic Request
Dr. Coleman moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request from the Child Guidance Clinic to continue, through September, the employment of two part-time psychologists now that they had filled the authorized position with a full-time psychologist, as of July 26, 1972, and funds to come from the unexpended allocation to the Child Guidance Clinic.
MOTION
Approval of Division of Family Services Request
Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request from the Division of Family Services for a pay adjustment to those Social Workers in the Division of Family Services who are on the Juvenile Welfare Board payroll to coincide with a pay adjustment granted by the State Division of Family Services for Social Workers in a similar grade, effective July 1, 1972, and funds to come from the unexpended allocation to the Division of Family Services and to be continuous in 1972-73.

MOTION
Approval of salaries as budgeted for August
Judge Page moved, and Mr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for August upon completion of satisfactory service.

The financial statements for June and July 1972 were reviewed by the Board.

Mrs. Ann A. Mootz, Executive Director of the Cincinnati Home Aid Service, was introduced to the Board. Several members had been able to attend an August 2 meeting with Mrs. Mootz and Dr. Edwards in continuing the Board's efforts in exploring the alternative ways to establish a Homemaker Program. Mrs. Mootz described the Cincinnati independent agency, commented on the proposal made to the Board by the Division of Family Services, and was most helpful in answering specific questions posed by Board members, Dr. Edwards, and Mr. Loomis (DFS). The Board expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Mootz for accepting Dr. Coleman's invitation, as authorized by the Board, to attend a Juvenile Welfare Board meeting and act as a Board consultant on Homemaker Services.

The Board reviewed a draft of the Comprehensive Information and Referral Service Agreement between the Board and the United Way. After discussion by Dr. Edwards and Mr. Glackin, several recommendations were suggested. Dr. Edwards was requested to incorporate the suggestions, clear the new draft with the State Auditor's office, and return the Agreement to the Board for further action.

The Division of Family Services Agreement 1971-72 was not ready for discussion. The job descriptions requested from the National Study Service were deferred for examination at a later date.

The Board voted the official change of the Transition and Continuity Committee to the Personnel Committee. Members of the committee present reported receiving 40-45 applications for the Director's position which included 3-4 Ph.D.'s, as well as other well-qualified individuals. The committee will meet next on August 9, 1972 at the Juvenile Court.

MOTION
Approval of Policy addition and change
Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to accept, as presented, the Policy addition regarding the "Election of Officers", and the Policy change relating to "Vacations".

The reports of children in group care for May and June in the Juvenile Court homes, and for June and July from the Division of Family Services were reviewed by the Board.

Judge Page reported the good possibility of the approval of LEAA grant for four additional group homes. He further stated that one church home was badly deteriorating and may need to be abandoned or repaired. Dr. Edwards summarized E. S.'s progress at Montanari Residential Treatment Center.
Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to continue treatment for E. S. at Montanari for up to six months. The Board requested quarterly reports from Montanari and instructed Dr. Edwards to so inform Montanari of the Board's action and request.

The Activities Reports for June and July, 1972 were reviewed by the Board, as was the informational material.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to include in the Board's policy a statement reflecting Attorney General Robert Shevin's opinion that "Members of public boards and commissions may not abstain from voting unless they have a personal interest in the matter being decided ..." and instructed Dr. Edwards to draft such a policy statement to be presented to the Board at a later date.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next work session of the Juvenile Welfare Board was scheduled for August 30, and the regular monthly meeting of the Board will be on September 7, both to be held at the Juvenile Court at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Marilyn Robinson, Secretary