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PRESENT: Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Commissioner George R. Brumfield; Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr.; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Judge Jack A. Page; Mrs. Marilyn Robinson and Judge William L. Walker. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; and Mr. John H. Moore, Director, National Study Service. Observers: Mrs. Ellen Spivey, Executive Director, and Mr. Don Sellas, Associate Director, District Mental Health Board.

Mrs. Speer opened the meeting with an invitation to Mr. Moore to say a few words to the Board regarding the completion of the Juvenile Welfare Board study by the National Study Service. Mr. Moore was pleased to learn that the Board had acted on several of the study recommendations and recognized the importance of coordinating the Juvenile Welfare Board study with the United Way study nearing completion by the National Study Service.

MOTION Approval of Acceptance of National Study Service Survey

Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried to approve final acceptance of the Juvenile Welfare Board Study "Services to Juveniles and Their Families in Pinellas County, Florida".

MOTION Authorization of Director to Distribute Reports

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried to have the Director assume the responsibility of distributing the copies of the Juvenile Welfare Board study.

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 1, 1973 and the emergency session February 21, 1973.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures

Judge Walker moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried to approve the expenditures for February with the exception of Check #2221, which is to be released at the discretion of the Director; Checks #2165 thru #2228 dated March 1, 1973 and Check #2229 dated March 30, 1973.

MOTION Approval of Salaries as Budgeted for March and Authorization of Payroll Checking Account

Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve salaries as budgeted for March on completion of satisfactory service and to give the Director authorization to establish a separate payroll checking account.

The financial statement for February 1973 was reviewed by the Board.

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

MOTION Approval of Special Group Foster Home

Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried to approve the request of Mr. Wesley W. Jenkins, Executive Director, Family Counseling Center, for a Special Group Foster Home and authorized the expenditure of up to $600 from the current "Board, clothing, medical" allocation to the Family Counseling Center.
Mrs. Robinson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the use of unexpended Group Home allocations for sums already voted for the four LEAA Group Homes and for the salary of the Supervisor of Volunteer Probation Friend Program; to approve a $650 travel allowance for the Supervisor of Volunteer Probation Friend Program; and to approve payment of rent for a group home up to $300 per month, if Boys Group Home #2 is not adequately repaired. All funds are to come from the unexpended Group Home Allocation with the understanding that an additional amount may be needed from the Contingency Fund.

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried to endorse the concept of the Coordinated Office of Early Childhood Development.

Dr. Coleman moved, and Commissioner Brumfield seconded a motion which carried to approve the telephone poll authorizing the Board Chairman to sign one month extension addendum to contract between the Juvenile Welfare Board and the State Division of Family Services re: National Study Service survey.

The Activities Reports were reviewed and a need for more counseling coverage in the middle of the county was discussed by the Board. Dr. Edwards informed the Board that he was looking for office space for an upcounty office for the Juvenile Welfare Board, License Board and Project Playpen as recommended in the study.

Mrs. Ellen Spivey, Executive Director, District Mental Health Board, extended an open invitation to the Board members and to Dr. Edwards to attend the monthly meeting of the Mental Health Board on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Edwards explained that he and Mr. Neet, Project Playpen Supervisor, would be in Jacksonville on March 8th and 9th to learn about the new guidelines for Federal funding and distributed a synopsis of the proposed new guidelines which will drastically limit eligibility for IV-A funding.

Mrs. Eckert, Mrs. Speer, Mrs. Holland, Dr. Coleman and Mrs. Robinson expressed interest in visiting Camp E-How-Kee in the near future.

Mrs. Eckert called a meeting of the Personnel Committee, March 14, 12:00 at Tri-City Plaza Morrisons Cafeteria.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be on Wednesday, March 28, 1973 (Work Session) and Thursday, April 5, 1973 (Regular Meeting), both to be held at the Juvenile Detention Center.

Mrs. Speer declared the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary