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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Meeting April 2, 1970

PRESENT: Juvenile Court Judge Jack A. Page, who acted as chairman; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Roy M. Speer; County Commissioner A. L. Anderson; and Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Thomas B. Southard. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director; Dr. Raymond A. Sleszynski, Director, Child Guidance Clinic; Mrs. Eloise Irwin, Administrator, District 4, Division of Family Services; and Mr. Ted Hanscom, Supervisor, Protective Services.

MOTION Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Southard seconded a motion which
Approval of carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 5,
Minutes of 1970.
March 5

Judge Page introduced Dr. Sleszynski who spoke about the origins of the Child Guidance Clinic movement and of the Pinellas County Child Guidance Clinic. He saw the Clinic as changing its emphasis to shorter term therapy, not to exceed six months, and eliminating children who were poor risks for treatment, who were victims of adverse home conditions, or who had learning disabilities. He said that the Clinic had changed procedures so that there was no longer any waiting list, application forms, or formal intake, but that someone was available every morning, in Clearwater and in St. Petersburg, for instant communication with parents who have problems with their children. He described this crisis-oriented approach and also discussed the work being done in prevention through consultation services to the Juvenile Court, the Division of Family Services, Headstart, etc. He talked about the wider areas of preventive mental health facilities and described the lack of a coordinated program in Pinellas County. He felt that there were serious gaps that existed in the total program and discussed the need for a comprehensive mental health center which would be staffed, in part, through Federal funds. He emphasized the connection between mental illness and poverty and discussed the need for indigenous workers in work in the low-income and ghetto areas. He also mentioned a "hot-line" for young persons and said that all of these innovations would tend to increase the demand for services so that, in the very near future, double the present staff would be required.

MOTION Dr. Southard moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried,
Approval of to approve the expenditures for March: Checks #4221
expenditures through #4275 dated March 31, 1970; checks #4279 through #4332
for March dated April 2, 1970; and checks #4333 and #4334 dated April 30,
 1970.

MOTION Dr. Southard moved, and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion
Approval of which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for the
Salaries month of April on condition of completion of satisfactory ser-
for April vice.

The financial statement for the month of March 1970 was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck announced that the taxes had come in much more rapidly this year than in the previous one.

The reports of children in foster care and in group care for the month of February 1970 were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION

Payment of dental treatment for Diane Sherman

Commissioner Anderson moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of dental surgical treatment for Diane Sherman in an initial amount not to exceed \$200.00.

The Annual Report of the Protective Services was presented to the Board and a graph prepared by Mr. Hanscom, which showed the development of the program over a five year period, was included. The request of the Protective Services Unit for the employment of a legal consultant at a figure not to exceed \$500.00 a month was discussed by the Board, and it was decided to defer action on this request until all possibilities for volunteer services could be exhausted.

MOTION

Approval of use of answering service by Protective Services

Commissioner Anderson moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of Protective Services to hire an answering service for night and week end calls at a cost of \$16.50 per month.

MOTION

Approval of necessary expenses for Southern Regional Conference

Commissioner Anderson moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of the Child Welfare Unit for the payment of necessary expenses for four staff members to attend the Southern Regional Conference of the Child Welfare League of America, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, May 4-9, 1970.

MOTION

Payment of expenses for Mr. Neet

Mrs. Speer moved, and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request for payment of necessary expenses for Mr. William Neet to attend the Southern Association Conference on Children Under Six, at New Orleans, April 13-17, 1970.

MOTION

Florida Health and Welfare Council Meeting

Mrs. Speer moved, and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request for permission for the staff to attend the Florida Health and Welfare Council meeting in Clearwater, April 29 - May 1, 1970.

Dr. Finck announced that the Concerned United Methodists of this St. Petersburg district had agreed to provide \$1,000 for Project Playpen and had promised an additional \$500 at a later date.

The new marriage counseling information form was circulated among the Board members for their inspection.

Dr. Finck announced that the printer had agreed to reprint the Twenty-Second Annual Report, but that the new copies had not been received as yet.

The Activities Reports for the month of March 1970 were presented to the Board.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held at the Juvenile Court Center on Thursday, May 7, 1970, at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. William C. M. Bissell
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