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Meeting at Juvenile Court Center

Meeting August 5, 1971

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary; Mrs. R. Clark Robinson; Mrs. Roy M. Speer; County Commissioner George R. Brumfield; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nicholas Mangin; and Juvenile Court Judges Jack A. Page and William L. Walker. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director; Mr. Gerald Rehm, Director, Jack and Ruth Eckerd Foundation.

Since there was no objection, Dr. Coleman directed that the minutes of the June 3rd meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a Confirmation of motion which carried, to confirm the telephone approval of telephone approval of expenditures for June: checks #483 through #522 dated July 1, 1971; and checks #523 and #524 dated July 30, 1971.

MOTION Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Superintendent Mangin Approval of seconded a motion which carried, to approve expenditures for expenditures for July: checks #572 through #608 dated August 5, 1971; and checks #609 and #610 dated August 31, 1971.

MOTION Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which Approval of salaries carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for August on as budgeted for condition of completion of satisfactory service.
August

Dr. Finck gave a report on overtime counseling for June and July - a total of 55 persons were seen during these evening hours at a total cost to the agency of \$431.23. Dr. Finck stated that, when staff was secured as approved in the 1971-72 budget, it would be possible to eliminate overtime payments and to handle this counseling on the basis of compensatory time off.

MOTION Superintendent Mangin moved, and Commissioner Brumfield Acceptance of seconded a motion which carried, to accept the report on report on over- overtime counseling.
time counseling

MOTION Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a Cost-of-living motion which carried, to approve a 5% cost-of-living increase increase effective October 1, 1971 for all employees of the Juvenile Welfare Board, License Board, and Project Playpen.

MOTION Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Superintendent Mangin Cost-of-living seconded a motion which carried, to defer action on cost-of- increase for living increase for other salaries paid by the Juvenile other agencies Welfare Board.

MOTION Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion Transfer of funds which carried, to transfer from the Contingency fund in the for cost-of-living 1971-72 Budget to the various salary accounts the sum of increase \$9,978.72 to cover the cost-of-living increases previously approved.

Mr. Gerald Rehm, Director of the Jack and Ruth Eckerd Foundation, came to discuss the restrictions in the Lease Agreement proposed by the neighbors in the vicinity of Lake Chautauqua. Both the Foundation and the Juvenile Welfare Board want to cooperate with the other residents of the neighborhood, but there was substantial agreement expressed that the Board should not in any way waive its rights by unilateral action. Dr. Finck read the requirements for R-4 zoning and stated that across the lake the zoning was A-2, which would leave open all sorts of possibilities. Judge Walker expressed the opinion that, if necessary, we should have assurances from the neighbors that they would also keep their property in the same condition that it is now. There was discussion about the possible future use of the remainder of the land and it was agreed that this was always subject to negotiation under the terms of the Lease. The Board agreed that it would join with the other neighbors in the vacation of Lake Shore Drive and Commissioner Brumfield offered the services of Mr. Ray Dunlap, in the County Attorney's office, in the drafting of a resolution. Judge Page was authorized to sign any current documents proposed by the neighbors for the vacation of Lake Shore Drive. Dr. Coleman stated that, as the Chairman of the Board, he would sign the Lease for the Board.

MOTION Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a
Approval of motion which carried, to authorize Dr. Coleman to sign the
Lease Agreement Lease Agreement with the Eckerd Foundation for the Lake
Chautauqua property.

Mr. Rehm explained that furnishing the home was going to require approximately \$6,000 from the Board and that the Eckerd Foundation would be expending for more permanent fixtures, such as buses, freezers, stoves, etc., the sum of \$8,000. Mr. Rehm asked that the Board increase the amount that they provided for the furnishings to \$6,000. Dr. Finck explained that this is an increase only from \$5,611.07, which is the amount remaining from the original sum.

MOTION Superintendent Mangin moved, and Commissioner Brumfield
Approval of seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditure
expenditures for of \$6,000 for furnishing the Lake Chautauqua property and to
furnishing of Lake transfer, from the Contingency Fund to the Account for the
Chautauqua property Eckerd Foundation, the sum of \$388.93 which, with the
\$5,611.07, would make up the requested \$6,000.

The financial statements for June and July, 1971 were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a
Allocation of motion which carried, to approve the allocation of \$11,425.60
reimbursement to reimbursement from the State Division of Family Services
Project Playpen directly to Project Playpen and to approve the similar
allocation for any subsequent reimbursements.

MOTION Mrs. Speer moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which
Transfer carried, to transfer \$10,000 from the Contingency Fund to
of funds Project Playpen to cover the matching funds sent to the
State Division of Family Services in July.

MOTION Mrs. Bissell moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which
Transfer of funds carried, to transfer \$3,729.56 from the Contingency Fund to
from Contingency to Project Playpen to cover the already authorized salary for
Project Playpen Thelma Bruce.

MOTION

Transfer of funds
from Contingency
to Project Playpen

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried, to transfer \$362.27 from the Contingency Fund to Project Playpen to cover the initial months salary in September for a clerk-typist already approved in the 1971-72 budget.

The reports of children in group care for May and June from the Juvenile Court, and from Division of Family Services for June and July were reviewed by the Board. Judge Page reported that the initially budgeted sum of \$1,900.71 has proven to be inadequate to supply the necessary furnishings for the second group home. He requested that the amount be increased to \$2,500.

MOTION

Increase in
allocation for
second group home

Mrs. Robinson moved, and Commissioner Brumfield seconded a motion which carried, to increase the amount allocated for furnishings of the second group home from \$1,900.71 to \$2,500.

Dr. Finck reported from the Division of Family Services and from the Child Guidance Clinic about Edward Sauls, a child of mixed racial origins, who had been in foster care since his early years. Because he is racially mixed, it is difficult to place him for adoption and the child has gone steadily downhill, according to reports from his schools and the Child Guidance Clinic. Both the Division of Family Services and the Child Guidance Clinic felt that it was possible that there was a potential for improvement and that he desperately needed 24-hour residential care.

MOTION

Approval of expenses
for Edward Sauls at
Montanari Residential
Treatment Center

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of the Division of Family Services for necessary expenditures for Edward Sauls at the Montanari Residential Treatment Center on the condition that quarterly reports of his progress be received and reviewed by the Board.

Dr. Finck reported that Mr. John Moore and Dr. Ellen Winston would be making a preliminary visit in regard to the survey by the National Study Service on August 11 and 12. He stated also that Mr. Moore had advised him over the telephone that the State Division of Family Services felt it was possible that Federal funds could be secured to pay part of the cost of this service.

The Activities Reports for the months of June and July were presented to the Board.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held on Thursday, September 2, 1971, at the Juvenile Court Center, at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. William C. M. Bissell
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