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Dr. Coleman called the meeting to order in the absence of Mrs. Speer, who arrived shortly thereafter to chair the remainder of the meeting.

**MOTION**
Authorization for Director to Utilize further Consultation and to Negotiate Lease Arrangements of Present Office Space

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to accept the report by Wedding & Associates, to accept the recommendation of the Director for further consultation re future expansion and to negotiate for the rental of the remainder of the building now occupied by the Juvenile Welfare Board. The Board declared its intention to locate suitable property, to design and to construct an office complex by the end of this lease (April 30, 1977). The Director anticipated having some space available which might be sublet to child serving agencies, or county personnel on a cost basis.

**MOTION**
Approval of Expenditures

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried to approve the expenditures for February: Cheek #4020, dated February 25, 1974; Check #4029 through Check #4115 dated March 7, 1974; and Check #4116 and Check #4117 dated March 29, 1974.

**MOTION**
Approval of Items Without Exception

Commissioner Dockerty moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the items without exception as follows:

A. Salaries as budgeted for March on completion of satisfactory service.


C. Request from Family Counseling Center for $100 (total) adoption supplement.

D. Endorsement of and financial support (if necessary) for Family Therapy Workshop - March 18 - 20.

**MOTION**
Endorsement of Southside Comprehensive Mental Health Complex Grant

Commissioner Dockerty moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to endorse the concept of the Southside Comprehensive Mental Health Complex Grant with the understanding that this endorsement would by no means imply funding by the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The Board members were presented with copies of the 26th Annual Report of the Juvenile Welfare Board. Mr. Ted Hale had the primary responsibility for preparing this report.
The financial statement for February 1974 was reviewed by the Board.

The Board noted the reports of children in care for January and from the Division of Family Services for February, including the Summary of the Division of Family Services group homes - June 1, 1971 - November 15, 1973.

The activities reports were reviewed by the Board.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Dockerty moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried to table the requests from the Child Guidance Clinic and from the Division of Family Services for one month due to the late arrival of the requests and the lack of time for discussion. The dates of the requests were noted.

The Board reviewed with pleasure the evaluation of the Townhouse Group Home covering the latter half of 1973. Comments were made regarding the final school grades and excellent attendance record of the girls in care for the period.

Due to the length of the meeting, Commissioner Dockerty had to leave because of pressing business, and the Board took a break for lunch and then reconvened.

**MOTION**

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to authorize Dr. Edwards to register as a lobbyist in representing the Board and to follow its general philosophy whenever necessary to approach legislators in Tallahassee.

Mr. Will Michaels and Mr. Carl Meisner of the Community Services Staff of the Juvenile Welfare Board led a discussion on the proposed policy statement of the Juvenile Welfare Board for improving the juvenile welfare system in Pinellas County. Extensive discussion occurred and several recommendations were made by the Board to be incorporated in the policy statement.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Mullins moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to accept the staff recommendations as presented or amended by Board direction in the policy statement of the Juvenile Welfare Board for improving the juvenile welfare system in Pinellas County. (Attached to minutes as addendum.) Dr. Coleman expressed the Board's pleasure with the Community Services team for the rapid manner in which they have picked up the philosophy of the Board and the comprehensiveness of this policy statement.

The meeting was declared adjourned.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be a work session on Wednesday, March 27, 1974 at 9:30 a.m. and a regular meeting on Thursday, April 4, 1974 at 9:30 a.m., both meetings to be held at the Juvenile Detention Center.

Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary