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Meeting in Clearwater
October 2, 1969

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and Juvenile Court Judge Jack A. Page. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director; Mr. William E. Neet, Marriage and Family Counselor.

MOTION Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 4, 1969.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures for September
Mrs. Speer moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for September: Checks #4076 through #4180, and #4184 through #4192 dated September 30; and checks #4181 through #4183 dated October 2, 1969.

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

MOTION Re-classification for Susan Lundberg
At the request of Mrs. Elouise Irwin, Director, District #3, Division of Family Services, Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to re-classify Susan Lundberg from Transcriber Operator to Clerk Typist II at a salary of $4,150.00.

The financial statement for September which included the preliminary financial statement for the fiscal year 1968-69 was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that the preliminary year end balance was $156,394.45 or approximately $10,000 more than had been included in the budget. He stated also that the cash on hand at the end of the year was $30,000 less than the amount carried over into the present fiscal year.

MOTION Refund of Prior Years' Taxes
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve a request of the Board of County Commissioners to refund prior years' taxes in the amount of $11.36.

MOTION Approval of Investments
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to authorize the Director to accept the highest bid made by a commercial bank for Certificates of Deposit to be made from tax receipts.

MOTION Transfers of Funds
Mrs. Bissell moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the transfer of $387.57 from Contingency to Child Guidance Clinic to cover the salary of Jerome Rosenblum, Ph.D.; $359.86 from Contingency to Child Welfare Division to cover the salary of James Gibson; $135.90 from Contingency to Social Security and Retirement to cover increased expenditures under this item.

The report of children in foster care for the month of August, 1969 was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck called the Board's attention to an article entitled "The Joy of Being a Foster Parent" published in the St. Petersburg Times on September 28, 1969.
MOTION
Election of Chairman and Secretary

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to nominate Dr. Coleman and Mrs. Bissell as Chairman and Secretary of the Juvenile Welfare Board respectively.

A second motion by the same makers was approved to close the nominations at this point, and Dr. Coleman and Mrs. Bissell were declared elected.

MOTION
Approval of Inter-Agency Agreements

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve Inter-Agency Agreements for the fiscal year 1969-70 between the Juvenile Welfare Board and District #4, Division of Family Services; the Child Guidance Clinic of Pinellas County, Inc.; Family and Children's Service, Inc.; Peter Pan School for Retarded Children; Play Parc School for Retarded Children; and the Pinellas County Juvenile Court.

MOTION
Establishment of License Board Position for a Secretary I

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request to establish an additional position for the Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes in Grade #19, Secretary I.

Mr. William E. Neet, Marriage and Family Counselor reported on his work over the past several months with Project Playpen, a plan to establish and to subsidize family day care homes for persons of low income. Mr. Neet described the community support and financial backing, which had been received from all parts of the County, and stressed the $7,000 grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity, currently giving the major support to the project. Mr. Neet stated that a request is being made to the Office of Economic Opportunity to support this project on a research and demonstration basis by providing the funding for three units consisting of 15 family day care homes with approximately 60 children and supervised by a social worker. Mr. Neet stated that there were 12 homes approved or ready for approval for project Playpen and an equal number that had applied and appeared to qualify. Mr. Neet also explained that Mr. James Bissette, a student from the Graduate School of Social Work at the Florida State University, was spending part of his internship with the Pinellas County schools in the Project Playpen operation and had prepared slides to be used in the training program for the family day care mothers.

The activities reports for the month of September were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION
November Meeting

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to accept the invitation of Peter Pan School to hold the November 6th meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board at the School, 3100 - 75th Street North, St. Petersburg.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.