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Meeting in Juvenile Court Center
Special Meeting
May 18, 1971

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. R. Clark Robinson; Mrs. Roy M. Speer; County Commissioner George R. Brumfield, and Juvenile Court Judges Jack A. Page and William L. Walker. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director.

It was agreed that the 1971-72 Budget would be discussed and agreements reached, but no formal votes would be taken until the June 3 meeting.

Dr. Finck announced that the Federal cut in Head Start funds had been restored and that the $26,000.00 request was being withdrawn. It was explained that the salaries for the Juvenile Welfare Board, License Board, and for Project Playpen reflected the usual five percent merit increases.

Suggestions concerning the Child Guidance Clinic request were made by Dr. Finck: (1) funds for overtime be deleted (2) merit increases should be for five percent and not include any cost-of-living adjustment (3) the vacant clinical psychologist position be upgraded and the salary increased from $10,419.00 to $17,000.00 (4) the Clinic be requested to apply for membership in the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children as a means of evaluating the current program and of establishing future goals. (Application fee $150.00 including a two-day on site evaluation and annual dues $400.00). It was felt that these suggestions should be discussed with Dr. Slezynski and that his request for additional staff be clarified. (Dr. Slezynski's letter of April 13, 1971 requests two new positions, a Clinical Social Worker III at $11,500 and a Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist at $17,000.00, but further examination of Salary Schedule of same date indicates that the Clinical Psychologist position is the vacant and upgraded position and that the request is actually for two new Clinical Social Workers).

There was discussion about the item for "Psychiatric Consultant" under the Child Welfare Unit, and subsequent information indicated that these services were to be used for the evaluation of parents, rather than for the children. (The question of $14,400 for "Hospital and Psychiatric Services" is currently being explored).

A discussion of the request from Family and Children's Service for an expansion of the program for children-hard-to-place-for-adoption and for a new program of parent-child counseling led to a need for additional information from Mr. Wesley W. Jenkins, Executive Director.

The budget requests for Peter Pan and Play Parc Schools, and for the three Juvenile Court Group Homes were discussed and no questions were raised.

Dr. Finck explained the need for an additional Marriage and Family Counselor, for a counselor to work with children, parents, and teachers in the three upper Community Day nurseries (which requested the position), and for a receptionist whose salary would be shared equally with the License Board. The License Board required another Supervisor of Day Care. The Juvenile Welfare Board, License Board, and Project Playpen need additional office space and there was included $7,600, $7,600, and $2,800 respectively for a total of 4,000 square feet of space. (An additional 2500 square feet will become available adjacent to the present offices on or before January 1, 1972).
A contingency fund in the usual amount and reserves equivalent to one month's operating expenses were included.

The Board agreed to ask Mr. Jenkins to meet with them at 9:30 on June 3 and Dr. Sleszynski at 10:30 the same day.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held at the Juvenile Court Center on Thursday, June 3, 1971.

Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary