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Meeting in Clearwater
October 1, 1970

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. R. Clark Robinson; County Commissioner A. L. Anderson; Juvenile Court Judges Jack A. Page and William Walker. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director, who acted as Secretary; and Mr. William E. Neet, Project Supervisor.

Judge Page, who presided until the arrival of Dr. Coleman, welcomed the new member, Mrs. R. Clark Robinson, who was appointed by the Governor in accordance with the amendment to the Juvenile Welfare Board Law passed by the 1970 Legislature.

MOTION Approval of minutes September 3 meeting
Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the September 3 meeting.

MOTION Approval of expenditures for September
Judge Page moved, and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for September: checks #4892 through #4935 and check #4938 dated October 1, 1970; and checks #4936 and #4937 dated October 30, 1970 with the stipulation that the Director withhold check #4930 to the Division of Family Services until a conference could be arranged with Mrs. Elouise Irwin to discuss the present status of foster care funds.

MOTION Approval of salaries for October and longevity increment
Commissioner Anderson moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for October on the condition of completion of satisfactory service and to inaugurate a personnel policy of a five percent increment for employees who had completed twenty years of Juvenile Welfare Board service.

The financial statement for September (preliminary for 1969-70 fiscal year) was reviewed by the Board and Dr. Finck pointed to the additional amounts received from taxes and interest on investments.

MOTION Transfers of funds
Commissioner Anderson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to transfer funds to cover expenditures previously approved by the Board: 1) $8,194.00 excess receipts from interest on investments to the Contingency Fund; 2) $1,025.64 from Contingency to Administrative Salaries; 3) $8,207.67 from Contingency to Marriage and Family Counseling; 4) $13,612.55 from Contingency to License Board; 5) $2,514.20 from other unexpended balances in the Child Guidance Clinic to Psychiatric Social Workers III and IV; 6) $54,82 from unspent balances, Child Welfare Division to two Welfare Workers, two Supervisors, Transcriber Operator, and Clerk IV; 7) $542.30 from Contingency to Travel; and 8) $400.51 from Contingency to Workmen's Compensation.

The reports of the children in foster care and the reports of children in group care were reviewed and accepted by the Board.

MOTION Interagency Agreements for 1970-71
Commissioner Anderson moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried, to approve the following interagency agreements for the fiscal year 1970-71: 1) Child Guidance Clinic; 2) Family and Children's Service; 3)
MOTION
Election of Chairman and Secretary

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded, the nomination of Dr. Coleman for Chairman. Commissioner Anderson moved closing the nominations; the motion was seconded by Judge Walker and passed by the board. Mrs. William C. M. Bissell was nominated for the position of secretary on a motion by Mrs. Holland, seconded by Judge Page; Judge Walker moved the closing of nominations, and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion which passed.

MOTION
Evening Office Hours

Following a discussion of the need for evening office hours and of the waiting list, Judge Walker moved, and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion which carried, that office hours one evening a week be scheduled and counselors paid extra on an hourly basis. This plan is for six months only and can be modified by the Board at any time.

MOTION
Approval of purchase of "Intimacy" tape

Commissioner Anderson moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried, to approve expenditure of up to $100 to purchase the "Intimacy" tape prepared by Bell and Howell with a tape recorder to be purchased separately if it seemed to be desirable.

MOTION
Expenses for NASW Institute

Commissioner Anderson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of necessary expenses of the Marriage and Family Counseling Staff to attend the NASW and Florida Federation of Social Workers Institute in Tampa on October 30, 1970.

Dr. Finck introduced Mr. William E. Neet, Project Supervisor, who described Project Playpen. Mr. Neet presented slides of the children in various Project Playpen homes and of the Project Playpen mothers receiving instruction. He stated that there are at present 70 children, all but five of whom are black, in 21 homes in which the Family Day Care mothers are all black. There have been three white Project Playpen mothers, but they are not active at this time. Fifteen of the homes are located in St. Petersburg and six in the area of Clearwater. Mr. Neet described the financing of this project which at the present time is costing about $900 a week. The program is being supported by the Juvenile Welfare Board, by funds from Project WIN, and from Pinellas Opportunity Council, by supplementary food grants, and by contributions from various agencies and individuals, particularly churches. Mr. Neet stated that there is still considerable unmet need in the program and that there are, he estimates, three children waiting for each licensed day care spot. Mr. Neet stated that the great need of Project Playpen was for a full-time social worker to work on this program. The amount of money needed to cover the salary of a social worker, who would have a Masters Degree and three years of clinical experience, would be approximately $11,500 with mileage, and the necessary Social Security and Retirement payments.

The Activities Reports for the month of September 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, November 5, 1970.

Dr. Raymond L. Edwards
Acting Secretary