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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Meeting May 7, 1970

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

MOTION Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, Approval of to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 2, 1970. Minutes of April 2

MOTION Mrs. Bissell moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, Approval of to approve the expenditures for April: checks #4389 through #4440 expenditures for April dated May 7, 1970; and checks #4441 and #4442 dated May 29, 1970.

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

The financial statement for the month of April 1970 was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that all but about \$38,000 in taxes had been received.

The reports of children in foster care and group care for the month of March were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck explained that the Child Welfare Unit had used up all of the state funds available for foster care and that, therefore, the expenditures for children from Juvenile Welfare Board funds would increase during the remainder of the state fiscal year or until July 1, 1970.

MOTION In response to a letter from Mr. Wesley Jenkins, Director of Approval of board Family and Children's Service, Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. rate for Barry Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve board Franketti payment of up to \$100 a month for Barry Franketti at the residence of the Pinellas Association for Retarded Children until such time as he could be admitted to one of the Sunland Training Schools.

The preliminary draft of the 1970-71 Juvenile Welfare Board budget was discussed. Dr. Finck pointed out that if all of the requests from all agencies were granted, the total sum would be about .512 mills or in excess of the legal limit for the Board. He stated that, for the first time in history, the request for foster care had been reduced by the Division of Family Services and would be \$27,900.00 less than for the previous year. He also said that the request for Play Parc School for Retarded Children had been reduced from \$9,600 to \$8,400.

Many of the increases in the budget were due to more or less normal changes in operations. These included the five percent merit raises for the staffs of the Juvenile Welfare Board and License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes; staff additions already approved for these two organizations; social security and retirement which will increase on January 1, 1971 to a total of 9.2%; and Workmen's Compensation. Dr. Finck stated that the amounts for Workmen's Compensation would need to be revised in the final budget. He explained also that Family and Children's Service had requested an increase from \$15,000 to \$16,500 and Peter Pan School for Retarded Children had requested an increase from \$22,000 to \$24,200. A major item in the Child Guidance Clinic budget was a request for an additional child psychiatrist or for two clinical psychologists. The total amount of funds involved for the payment of the psychiatrist's salary, plus social security and retirement, would have been \$32,730.

MOTION

Deletion of child
psychiatrist
position

Mrs. Speer moved, and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to delete from the request of the Child Guidance Clinic the position of a child psychiatrist.

The Board also discussed other items in the Child Guidance Clinic budget and decided that it wished further information, particularly about the Trust Fund and its capital transactions.

MOTION

Committee to meet
with Child
Guidance Clinic

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to designate a committee consisting of Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Speer, and Dr. Finck to meet with representatives from the Child Guidance Clinic and from their auditing firm to discuss the questions raised by their 1970-71 budget request and by the 1969 audit of the Child Guidance Clinic.

The budget for Project Playpen was discussed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that the \$650 a month currently allotted would have amounted to \$7,800 if it had been for a full year. The requested figure of \$36,857 would have been the amount necessary to operate Project Playpen with 100 children. The number of children currently in care is 70 and if the program were continued at the level of 70 children, the amount necessary for operation would be \$19,416 instead of \$36,857.

MOTION

Reduction of
Project Playpen
request

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to reduce the amount of the Project Playpen request from \$36,857 to \$19,416 in order to continue the program at its present level.

The Board discussed other items in the budget but took no action in discussing any changes. Travel for the License Board was recognized as being necessarily increased by the addition of another staff member, and Dr. Finck estimated that \$2,200 instead of \$1,500 would be necessary for this amount.

Dr. Finck and Judge Page reported on the dedication of Camp E-Nini-Hassee near Floral City, and Dr. Finck stated that, in the introductory talk explaining the origins of the camp, full credit was given to the part played by the Juvenile Welfare Board in establishing this facility.

Dr. Finck called the attention of the Board to an article in the Clearwater Sun on March 29, 1970 which described very completely the Board's programs for children's centers and family day care homes.

The Activities Reports for the month of April were reviewed by 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, June 4, 1970, at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. William C. M. Bissell
Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary