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## Meeting in Clearwater

September 3, 1970

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

Dr. Coleman welcomed the new member, Judge William Walker, designated by the amendment to the Juvenile Welfare Board Law by the 1970 Legislature. Judge Page stated that he felt that membership on the Board followed the general law that members would serve until a successor was appointed. He said that Mr. Leonard Cooperman concurred with this view.

The minutes of the June 4 meeting were declared approved as distributed.

MOTION

Approval of expenditures for June, July and August

Commissioner Anderson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to confirm the telephone approval of expenditures for June (checks #4604 through #4643 dated July 2, 1970, and checks #4644 and #4645 dated July 31, 1970); expenditures for July (checks #4699 through #4733 dated August 6, 1970, and checks #4734 and #4735 dated August 31, 1970); and expenditures for August (checks #4790 through #4832 dated September 3, 1970, and checks #4833 and #4834 dated September 30, 1970).

MOTION

Approval of salaries for August with cost-of-living increase

Commissioner Anderson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to confirm the telephone approval of salaries for August, including cost-of-living salary increases for Juvenile Welfare Board and License Board staffs, in conformity with the action of the Board of County Commissioners effective July 12, 1970. The schedule for each employee is attached showing the salary before and after the five percent increase, plus the merit increase for the fiscal year 1970-71 and the date on which this increase will be effective.

MOTION

Approval of salaries for September

Commissioner Anderson moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for September on condition of completion of satisfactory service and to approve the salary adjustment for Mrs. Lillian M. Hawfield for \$472.01 from January 1, 1970 and \$483.71 beginning September 1, 1970.

The financial statements for the months of June, July and August were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that all expenditures, except where salaries had been raised or positions created for Juvenile Welfare Board and License Board, were within budgetary limitations. He stated that transfers of funds would be made at the end of the fiscal year in order to make adjustments approved by the Board.

The reports for children in foster care and in group care for the months of May, June and July 1970 were reviewed by the Board. Judge Jack A. Page discussed the possibility of a second group home to be operated by the Juvenile Court and by the Immaculate Conception Church. He stated that this second home would supplement and complement the work of the present home and would add to the Court's range of shelter and foster home services. The Board expressed approval of this

plan and agreed to discuss the details further when information was available. Judge Page also discussed a doctor bill of \$663.25 for a 15 year-old girl who had been placed in a private home by the Court. He said that because of the failure of the insurance to cover her treatment in the psychiatric ward at Bayfront Medical Center as it had formerly done, the foster parent was being billed by the doctors although the hospital had written off more than \$1,000 as an uncollectible debt. Members of the Board suggested that the Judge write to the doctors concerned to discuss the circumstances and to explain why the Social Service Department of Pinellas County and Vocational Rehabilitation had been unable to pay the bill.

Dr. Finck explained that the rates in Montanari Treatment Center for Frank Inguaggiato would be increased to \$500 a month effective October 1 and \$600 a month effective January 1. He stated that he had asked the State Department to secure a complete report of the prognosis for Frank.

Dr. Finck announced that the paper written by Mrs. Reiner, Mr. Neet and himself had been accepted for the meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association in Washington, D.C., March 21-24, 1971. He said that this was the third paper describing the Board's work that had been accepted for an Ortho meeting and that, since the American Orthopsychiatric Association accepted only one paper in every four submitted, the Board should understand that this was an outstanding achievement on the part of the staff.

Dr. Finck announced that Miss Ruth E. Jefferson, Director of the Pinellas County License Board, had been appointed to the White House Conference Planning Committee for Forum XVII, entitled "Developmental Day Care Services". The White House Conference will be held in Washington, D.C., December 12-19, 1970 and Miss Jefferson's expenses for the various meetings and for the Conference itself would be paid. Dr. Coleman requested that Dr. Finck express to Miss Jefferson the Board's pleasure at this appointment, and Dr. Coleman stated to his personal knowledge that Miss Jefferson had been doing an outstanding job in her position as he personally knew.

Dr. Finck announced that Mrs. Ruth G. Mayos had been awarded a scholarship by the Florida Institute on Alcohol and Other Drugs for the meeting to be held in Orlando, August 30-September 4.

MOTION

Approval of professional leave for Dr. Edwards

Mrs. Holland moved, and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve professional leave for Dr. Raymond L. Edwards to attend the planning committee meeting for the 1971 NASW Institute at New Orleans, Louisiana, September 24-26.

MOTION

Approval of salary for Chief Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Finck reported that Dr. Raymond A. Sleszynski had requested that the Board increase its 1970-71 budget to \$18,000 for the salary of the Chief Clinical Psychologist. Dr. Sleszynski had stated that the Clinic had felt fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Viola Brody. Commissioner Anderson moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of the Child Guidance Clinic for increase in salary of the Chief Clinical Psychologist to \$18,000 in the 1970-71 budget.

Dr. Finck announced that Mr. Joseph Crum was resigning from the Clinic to re-enter the Florida State University and that, because of overtime, he had 38

days vacation leave due him in accordance with the personnel practices of the Child Guidance Clinic.

The Activities Reports for the months of June, July and August 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, October 1, 1970.

  
Dr. Raymond L. Edwards  
Acting Secretary