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Meeting in Clearwater

November 5, 1970

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. R. Clark Robinson; Juvenile Court Judges Jack A. Page and William L. Walker. Also present: Mr. Dan McAuliffe observing for Dr. Thomas E. Southard; Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director; Mrs. Elouise L. Irwin, Administrator, District No. 4, Division of Family Services; and Mr. Ted Hanscom, Supervisor, Protective Services.

Judge Page, who presided until the arrival of Dr. Coleman, opened the meeting.

MOTION Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which Approval of carried, to approve the minutes of the October 1 meeting minutes of October 1 meeting

Mrs. Elouise Irwin presented to the Board the changed situation resulting from Legislative approval of State funds for foster care. She pointed out that State funds, however, could not be used for the subsidy of shelter home beds or for the care of children in special treatment situations. She stated that the State had agreed to continue temporarily some of the special services previously paid for by Juvenile Welfare Board funds, such as diaper service. She proposed a 1970-71 budget which included under Protective Services: Medical Consultant \$8,400, Psychiatric Consultant \$6,000, Legal Consultant \$6,000, Protective Services Emergency Fund \$2,400, Protective Services Answering Service \$240, or a total of \$23,040. The Board agreed that all of these items had been included in expenditures previously authorized by the Board except the services for Legal Consultant. There was considerable discussion by the two Juvenile Court Judges about the need for special legal protection to represent the child's interest in abuse and similar criminal cases.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which Payment of Legal carried, to allow the Division of Family Services to receive Consultant up to \$500 a month, or \$6,000 a year, for legal services as needed for children under Protective Services.

A second group of items proposed by Mrs. Irwin dealt with special services for children in foster care not covered by the existing State plan: subsidy for shelter homes, \$13,200; five children in institutional care, \$36,000; five children in the Kradle, \$21,000; and 24 children in Camps E-How-Kee and E-Nini-Hassee at \$31,680.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which Approval of carried, to continue the existing subsidy of \$10 a bed for funds for children in shelter homes and to pay for up to 24 children at shelter homes any one time in the Eckerd camps at a rate not to exceed \$110 and special a month. camps:

There was considerable discussion about the way to handle children in need of institutional care or of special care in the Kradle in Orlando.

MOTION
Approval of
children in
Institutional
Care

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, that children in need of special institutional care be approved individually by the Board as previously, and that \$36,000 be set up in the 1970-71 Budget for this purpose.

MOTION
Approval of
children
requiring
special care
in Kradle

Judge Walker moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that the children needing special care in the Kradle be considered by the Juvenile Welfare Board on an individual basis and that the sum of \$21,000 be established in the 1970-71 Budget for this purpose. Children already in care at the Kradle or in other institutional setting would not require additional Board approval.

There was a discussion about the need for two Group Homes for ten children each with 1970-71 costs as follows: subsidy for foster parents \$7,200, housekeeper relief \$1,200, room and board for twenty children \$24,000, hospital and psychiatric services \$14,400, medical and dental services \$1,680, or a total of \$48,480.

MOTION
Funds for
two Group
Homes to be
operated by
Div. of Family
Services

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, that a total of \$48,480 be approved for the Division of Family Services to operate and maintain two Group Homes with no more than ten children each.

MOTION
Approval of
Expenditures
for October

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve expenditures for October and the remaining expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1970: checks #4939 through #4956 and checks #4958 through #4962 dated September 30, 1970; checks #5018 through #5063 dated November 5, 1970 and checks #5064 and #5065 dated Nov. 30, 1970.

MOTION
Approval of
salaries for
November

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for November on condition of completion of satisfactory service.

Dr. Finck reported that the operation of Marriage and Family Counseling Service on Tuesday evenings had been successful in eliminating the waiting list of people who needed appointments. For the three Tuesday evenings beginning October 6 through October 20 there had been 38 persons seen during 43 counseling hours at an expense of \$307.18.

The financial statement for the year ending September 30, 1970 was reviewed by the Board.

MOTION
Transfer of
unexpended
funds to
Contingency

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to transfer \$32,623.09 in unexpended funds, extra taxes, and other balances to the 1970-71 Contingency Fund.

The financial statement for the month of October 1970 was also reviewed by the Board. The reports of children in foster care and in group care for the month of September 1970 were also reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that since this was the last month in which local funds would be used for foster care that a new form of reporting would have to be devised. He announced that the Juvenile

Welfare Board had received a refund of \$28,615.52 from the Division of Family Services representing unexpended foster care funds and that the foster care expenditures for the months of July and August would ultimately be refunded by the State to the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Dr. Finck read a letter from Mr. Jenkins, Director of Family and Children's Service, about Karen Murray, one of the cases approved by the Board for subsidized adoption in June. Mr. Jenkins reported that the proposed plan for Karen to receive day care at the City Center for Learning had not proven to be practical and, therefore, the Agency had arranged for nursery school care at the rate of \$9.00 a week, one-half this amount to be paid by Family and Children's Service with Juvenile Welfare Board funds.

Dr. Finck explained the need for a social worker on the Juvenile Welfare Board Staff to work with the Project Playpen - Playpen mothers, the children in care, and the natural mothers. He stated that he was requesting the Board to approve a position at an equivalent salary to that of a Marriage and Family Counselor with the stipulation that if a person of this training and experience could not be found, someone could be employed at a lesser salary commensurate with training and experience.

MOTION

Approval of Social Work position

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to approve a Social Work position on the Juvenile Welfare Board Staff for Project Playpen at a salary not to exceed Grade #37 in the County Salary and Classification Plan or \$10,420.80, plus \$948.29 Social Security and Retirement and \$600.00 mileage, or a total of \$11,969.09 per year.

MOTION

Approval of expenses for Florida Assn. on Children Under Six

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of necessary expenses for Mr. William E. Neet, Project Supervisor, to participate in the program of the Florida Association on Children Under Six at Pensacola, Florida, November 11-15, 1970.

The Activities Reports for the month of October 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, December 3, 1970.

Mrs. William C. M. Bissell
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