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Meeting in Clearwater
December 3, 1970

PRESENT: County Commissioner A. L. Anderson, who presided as Chairman in the absence of Dr. Coleman; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary; Mrs. R. Clark Robinson; and Juvenile Court Judges Jack A. Page and William L. Walker. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director; and Miss Ruth E. Jefferson, Director, Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes.

The minutes of the November 5 meeting were approved as distributed.

MOTION
Approval of Agreement with District #4, Division of Family Services
Judge Walker moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the agreement for the fiscal year 1970-71 with District #4, Division of Family Services. The agreement included the items discussed by Mrs. Irwin at the November 5 meeting and the changes in the budget as approved by the Juvenile Welfare Board on that date.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for November
Mrs. Bissell moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried, to approve expenditures for November: checks #5115 through #5157 dated December 3, 1970; and checks #5158 and #5159 dated December 31, 1970; and including the expenditures for the Division of Family Services for the months of October and November 1970.

MOTION
Approval of Salaries for December
Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for December on condition of completion of satisfactory service. Dr. Finck explained that for the late counseling hours on Tuesday nights from October 25 through November 25 the Staff had seen a total of 63 persons during 66 counseling hours, at an extra cost to the Agency of $409.91.

MOTION
Approval of transfer of Annual Leave
Mrs. Bissell moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the transfer of 72 hours annual leave and 75 hours of sick leave for Mr. John D. Phelps, who is transferring to Protective Services and the Juvenile Welfare Board payroll from the Division of Family Services.

MOTION
Policy in regard to transfer of Annual and Sick Leave
Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the transfer of annual leave and sick leave from the payroll of Division of Family Services to the Juvenile Welfare Board, subject to the approval of the Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The financial statement for November 1970 was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck reported that a total of $51,159.44 had been received in 1970-71 taxes. He announced that the most favorable proposal for Certificates of Deposit was made by the American National Bank and Trust Company of South Pasadena: 7.5% for 18 months; 7% for 9 and 6 months; and 6.75% for 3 months.

The reports of children in group care the month of October 1970 and of children in foster care for the 1969-70 fiscal year were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck reported that there were nine fewer children in care in the 1969-70
year than in the previous year and $385.00 more was spent for foster care funds than in the previous year.

**MOTION**

Approval of care at Montanari for George Michael Walker

Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve, on a stand-by basis, treatment for George Michael Walker at the Montanari Residential Center. Dr. Finck explained that he had made a special request to Camp E-How-Kee to consider this youngster and that the Camp was making an emergency investigation of his situation for admission. Dr. Finck stated that if George Michael Walker was not accepted at Camp E-How-Kee or could not stay in this kind of environment, he should be sent immediately to the Montanari Residential Center.

The Board considered the request for a nomination for the Community Services Council Youth Award and decided there would be no nominee for this current year.

Miss Ruth E. Jefferson, Director, Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes, was introduced by Dr. Finck, who gave an account of the latest honors that Miss Jefferson has received. She was one of the fifteen persons in the country appointed to the Planning Committee at the White House Conference for the Forum on Day Care; and she has been elected President of the Florida Association on Children Under Six. Miss Jefferson stated that in the two years since she had previously reported to the Board, there had been changes in the operation of the License Board and Legislative Amendments adopted by the 1970 Legislature. She stated that the number of Children's Centers had increased from 96 to 110 in spite of the growth and expansion of kindergartens in the public schools. The number of family day care homes had increased from 307 to 362. The total licensed capacity for children in day care had increased by 854. She reported also on the interest in Hillsborough and Lee Counties, and also on a statewide basis, in legislation for day care, and described how other counties and other people in the state were looking to Pinellas County, not only as a model for legislation in licensing, but also as the only county that had had a substantial experience in licensing day care for the protection of children away from their own homes and their own parents.

The Activities Reports for the year 1969-70 were presented to the Board. Dr. Finck pointed out that in this year the Marriage and Family Counseling Staff had seen 109 more families and 173 more individuals than in the previous year. There were 273 more children in these families than in the previous year. This additional work was reflected in the number of contacts with or about persons using marriage counseling. The number of these contacts increased from 4,116 in the previous year to 5,760 in the year just passed. The Activities Reports for November 1970 were also presented to the Board.

Members of the Board individually expressed to Commissioner A. L. Anderson, who is retiring at the end of this year, their appreciation for his various terms on the Board over a period of twelve years.

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, January 7, 1971.