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Meeting at Peter Pan School
March 4, 1971

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland, Mrs. R. Clark Robinson, County Commissioner George Brumfield; Juvenile Court Judges Jack A. Page and William L. Walker. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director.

Miss Tina Philips, Administrator for the Pinellas Association for Retarded Children, met with the Board in the absence of Mr. Bert Muller who was ill. Miss Philips explained the growth and development of the programs at the Pinellas Association for Retarded Children and placed particular emphasis on the role of the Juvenile Welfare Board in the development of Peter Pan School for Retarded Children. Miss Philips and Mrs. Virginia McGovern, who is the principal of Peter Pan School, then conducted the Board Members on a tour of the new parts of the building, including the physical therapy and speech therapy rooms and the sheltered workshop at which a number of persons are employed in various jobs at an average wage of $27 a week. Miss Philips stated that the State of Florida was beginning a program for the experimental placement of mentally retarded persons outside of institutions and was using the PARC facilities as a half-way house and training center.

MOTION Approval of February minutes
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the February 4 meeting.

MOTION Approval of expenditures for February
Mrs. Robinson moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for February: checks #172 through #177 dated March 4, 1971; and checks #178 and #179 dated March 31, 1971. These expenditures included an additional cost of $11.65 on the Annual Report because of the necessity of including a fourth full page.

MOTION Approval of salaries for March
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for March on condition of completion of satisfactory service. Dr. Finck stated that during the month, beginning January 26 and ending February 25, 53 persons were seen in the evening counseling hours, at a total cost of $340.75 for 57 hours of counseling and clerical work.

MOTION Continuation of overtime counseling
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the continuation of evening hours for marriage counseling for persons unable to make appointments within the regular daytime hours.

The financial statement for the month of February was reviewed by the Board.

The reports of children in group care for January, 1971 and the reports of special expenditures by the Division of Family Services for February, 1971 were reviewed by the Board.

Dr. Finck presented the Agreement with the State Division of Family Services for the use of Juvenile Welfare Board funds for Project Playpen. He explained that
the Juvenile Welfare Board would be depositing $10,000 a quarter with the Division of Family Services and this sum would be matched by Federal funds to be used against expenditures for Project Playpen as approved by the Juvenile Welfare Board.

**MOTION**
Approval of Agreements with Div. of Family Services and Project Playpen and permission for allocation

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the Agreements with the Division of Family Services and with Project Playpen and to include the permission for the allocation of $10,000 per quarter to the State Division of Family Services for matching purposes.

Dr. Finck announced that Dr. Coleman had requested him to represent the Juvenile Welfare Board on the new District Mental Health Board. He explained that this Board would be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and would be composed of four members from the Child Guidance Clinic Board, four from the Adult Mental Health Clinic Board, one from each of four hospitals, a representative of the Board of County Commissioners, a member of the Legislative Delegation, and a person designated by the Juvenile Welfare Board.

**MOTION**
Approval of Board participation on District Mental Health Board

Dr. Finck moved, and Judge Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the participation of the Juvenile Welfare Board on the District Mental Health Board and to name Dr. Finck as the Board's representative on the District Mental Health Board.

Dr. Finck read and reported on the letter from United Fund concerning the Family Life Program of the Family and Children's Service, Inc. It was the opinion of the Board that the question raised concerning the Fund's commitment to this program had not been entirely cleared, but it seemed as if further attempts at clarification from the United Fund would not be useful. Dr. Finck also read a letter from Mrs. Bragin, the retiring president of Family and Children's Service, Inc., thanking the Juvenile Welfare Board for their support and cooperation. Dr. Finck and Dr. Coleman announced that they were being requested to attend the meeting of the Legislative Delegation at 11:30 that morning for a discussion of the Special Acts concerning the Juvenile Welfare Board.

**MOTION**
Approval of expenses for Mr. Neet and Mrs. Young

Judge Page moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of necessary expenses for Mr. William E. Neet and Mrs. Margaret Young to attend the meeting of the Southern Association on Children Under Six at Atlanta, Georgia, April 29 - May 1, 1971.

The Activities Reports for February, 1971 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, April 1, 1971.

Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary