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Meeting June 1, 1972

PRESENT: Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, who acted as Chairman; Mrs. Marilyn Robinson, Secretary; Mrs. Roy M. Speer; Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr.; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nicholas G. Mangin; and Juvenile Court Judges Jack A. Page and William L. Walker. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Mr. Mangin moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of April 26, May 4, and May 24 meetings.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for May
Mrs. Robinson moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for May: Checks #1106 through #1155 dated June 1, 1972; and checks #1156 and #1157 dated June 30, 1972.

MOTION
Prior approval of expenditures for Project Playpen
Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to give prior approval of expenditures for Project Playpen according to a procedure approved by the representative of the State Auditor so that Playpen would be reimbursed weekly for expenditures at a rate not to exceed $20 a week for 150 children.

MOTION
Approval of salaries
Superintendent Mangin moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried, to approve salaries as budgeted for June and July on condition of completion of satisfactory service.

MOTION
Approval to pay Mrs. Ruth G. Mayos on full-time basis
Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary of Mrs. Ruth G. Mayos on a full-time basis since she has volunteered to take on additional counseling duties until a staff replacement can be secured.

The financial statement for May was reviewed by the Board, as were the reports for children in group care for April and from the Division of Family Services for May, 1972.

MOTION
Board's Representative on License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes
Mrs. Speer moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried, to name Dr. Edwards as the Board's representative on the License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes.

MOTION
Board's Representative on District Mental Health Board
Mrs. Speer moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried, to designate Mrs. Bissell as the Board's representative on the District Mental Health Board.

MOTION
Reconsideration of bids for carpets
Since the low bid of $1,995.12 by the Florida Commercial Carpet Corporation was changed by them because of their error and because telephone inquiry indicated that this organization did not hold a valid occupational license, either County or City, Judge Page moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried, to accept the next lowest bid of Adalian and Co., Inc. for $2,291.40 complete.
Dr. Finck announced that the paper written by Mr. Neet, Mrs. Reiner and himself entitled, "Project Playpen - Primary prevention", originally presented at the meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association in 1971, had been published in Child Welfare in May 1972 and distributed copies of the paper to the members of the Board. Dr. Finck also announced that he had received the St. Francis Award for Distinguished Service to Youth with the following citation: "For nationally recognized work as head of the Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board to build a comprehensive program to provide needed help to all troubled young people in the County". An editorial, "Pinellas Owes Vote of Thanks to Dr. Finck", Clearwater Sun, May 28; 1972, was shown to the Board.

MOTION
Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to commend Dr. Finck for the publication and award.

Dr. Finck

MOTION
Mr. Mangin moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of necessary expenditures for Dr. Edwards to attend the Institute of the National Association of Social Workers, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, June 4-7, 1972.

Dr. Edwards

The 1972-73 Juvenile Welfare Board budget discussions were continued at this meeting. The Board reviewed the request for a part-time attorney at a salary of $1,800 and expressed general agreement of the necessity of this kind of position, but questioned whether it was really possible to have services at all Board meetings for this salary. Dr. Finck was requested to explore this further with Mr. Coopenman. The budget of the Child Guidance Clinic was reviewed and there was general agreement that the request as stated should be granted. Dr. Finck stated that with this request, as well as with all others, the Board should stipulate in its letter about the budget that the possibility of Federal funds through Title IV-A of the Social Security Act and from other sources should be explored and that agency budget requests would be subject to reconsideration if additional funds were made available.

There was considerable discussion about the need for another marriage and family counselor since the staff has not been able to keep current with the volume of work.

MOTION
Judge Page moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to add a marriage counselor to the staff at an annual salary of $11,221.56.

Judge Page said that he felt the Board should earmark funds for possible use during the coming year and that there were overriding needs for group homes for "non-secure" detention and for mental health programs, possibly including residential treatment, for children.

MOTION
Addition of $75,000 to budget for non-secure detention

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to add $75,000 to the 1972-73 budget for possible use to provide two group homes for non-secure detention for runaways and other delinquents who do not require secure detention.

MOTION
Mental Health Program

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to earmark $50,000 in the 1972-73 budget for a Mental Health Program for children which could include the employment of a consultant for planning the use of funds for residential treatment, etc.
Judge Walker moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to postpone action on the requests for the information and referral services and for the budget from the Division of Family Services. It was agreed that the Board would hold another meeting in June to finalize the budget.

The Director’s Report for the years 1958 through 1972 was reviewed by the Board, as were the Activities Reports for the month of May.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. There will be a special meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board sometime during the week of June 12 in order to review and certify the 1972-73 budget.

Mrs. Marilyn Robinson, Secretary