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PRESENT: Mrs. H. W. Holland, Chairman; Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary; Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr.; Mrs. James D. Eckert; Judge Jack A. Page; Mrs. Marilyn Robinson; and Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction Gus Sakkis. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Acting Director.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried to approve as mailed the minutes of September 27.

MOTION Mrs. Speer moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve expenditures for September: Check #1493 dated September 12, 1972; Check #1494 dated September 25, 1972; Checks #1553 through #1600 dated September 29, 1972; Checks #1601 through #1606 dated October 5, 1972; and Check #1607 dated October 31, 1972.

MOTION Mrs. Robinson moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the request of Family and Children's Service for $100 supplement to help with school clothing and other initial expenses in providing a home for a child recently adopted through Project CAN.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried to approve use of present check plate until one with new Chairman's signature can be made.

MOTION Mrs. Robinson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the cost-of-living adjustment of one pay grade for employees of the Juvenile Welfare Board, License Board, and Project Playpen, effective October 1, 1972.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the request of the Child Guidance Clinic to continue funding in the 1972-73 budget for the two part-time psychologists in lieu of the Psychiatric Consultant which necessitates an increase from $4,800 to $6,240. Adjustments previously approved by the Board in addition to this request increase the total Child Guidance Clinic 1972-73 allocation from $211,127.78 to $212,219.31.

MOTION Mrs. Robinson moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried to approve salaries as budgeted for October on completion of satisfactory service.
The financial statement for September (preliminary statement for 1971-72) was reviewed by the Board.

**MOTION**
Approval to Purchase Office Equipment and Furnishings

Mrs. Robinson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the purchase of office equipment and furnishings per the low bids as presented and not to exceed $2,732.83, including the $250 Director's Discretionary Fund.

**MOTIONS**
Transfer of Funds

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve transfer of $1350 from Contingency to Travel expenses.

Mrs. Speer moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve transfer of $4,065.66 from Contingency to Office Expenses.

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried to approve transfer of $106.06 from Contingency to Bonds and Insurance.

The Board reviewed the reports of children in care for August and from the Division of Family Services for September.

Judge Page notified the Board that the Court had lost the girls group home on Clearwater Beach due to the home being sold. The group home parents had also been lost but Division of Youth Services personnel has been providing coverage. Another home has been secured at $200 per month, a reduction from $250. The group home for boys (1) is in need of extensive repairs estimated to be approximately $5,000.00. The Immaculate Conception Church is trying to meet these repair expenses. Since the LEAA grant for four additional group homes has used Board funds for these three group homes as the local match (25%), it is important to maintain the operation of the present three homes.

**MOTION**
Approval of Moving Expenses for Girls Group Home

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the moving expenses of relocating the girls from the Clearwater Beach group home to the new St. Petersburg location and funds to come from the unexpended allocation for the girls group home.

**MOTION**
Conditional Approval of Child Guidance Clinic 1972-73 Agreement

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the 1972-73 agreement with the Child Guidance Clinic on the following conditions: that the Board will appoint a representative to the Child Guidance Clinic Board in October rather than January; and that the following paragraph be included under the Services section: "The Child Guidance Clinic agrees to explore with the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County the possibility of expansion and/or improvement of existing services and the development of new services where appropriate through the use of federal funds".

**MOTION**
Conditional Approval of DFS 1972-73 Agreement

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried to approve the 1972-73 agreement with the Division of Family Services, Region VI, on the condition that in Services Section VII the word "IV-A" be changed to "federal".
MOTION  Conditional Approval of Family and Children's Service 1972-73 Agreement
Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried to approve the 1972-73 agreement with the Family and Children's Service on the condition that the paragraph relating to federal funding (indicated above) be included in the agreement. Dr. Edwards pointed out the possible need for modification of the agreement at a later date when recent State effort on hard-to-place adoptions is clarified.

MOTION  Conditional Approval of Juvenile Court 1972-73 Agreement
Mrs. Robinson moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried to approve the 1972-73 agreement with the Juvenile Court on the condition that the paragraph relating to federal funding (indicated above) be included in the agreement.

MOTION  Conditional Approval of Peter Pan 1972-73 Agreement
Mr. Sakkis moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried to approve the 1972-73 agreement with Peter Pan School on the condition that the paragraph relating to federal funding (indicated above) be included in the agreement.

MOTION  Conditional Approval of Play Ppare 1972-73 Agreement
Mrs. Robinson moved, and Mr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to approve the 1972-73 agreement with Play Ppare School on the condition that the paragraph relating to federal funding (indicated above) be included in the agreement.

MOTION  Conditional Approval of Project Playpen, Inc. 1972-73 Agreement
Mrs. Robinson moved, and Mr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to approve the 1972-73 agreement with Project Playpen, Inc. on the condition that the paragraph relating to federal funding (indicated above) be included in the agreement.

MOTION  Election of Chairman
Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried to nominate Mrs. Speer as Chairman of the Juvenile Welfare Board. Mr. Sakkis moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried to close nominations for Chairman. Mrs. Speer was elected Chairman unanimously.

MOTION  Election of Secretary
Judge Page moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried to nominate Mrs. Eckert as Secretary of the Juvenile Welfare Board. Mr. Sakkis moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried to close nominations for Secretary. Mrs. Eckert was elected Secretary unanimously.

The Board discussed a change in handling the writing of the minutes of the Board meeting. It was decided Mrs. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary, will attend Board meetings, and in cooperation with Dr. Edwards compose the minutes and mail to the Secretary for approval and distribution to Board members.

MOTION  Table Board Appointments to Other Agencies to Other Agencies
Mrs. Eckert moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried to table the appointments of Board representatives to other agencies until next month. The Board authorized Dr. Edwards to attend the Information and Referral System Program Advisory Board meeting October 5, 1972 and represent the Juvenile Welfare Board until the Board representative has been named.
The Board discussed the draft of the National Study Service final report. It was the general consensus of the Board that the Study did not clearly define the role of the Juvenile Welfare Board in each area of the report so that any reader could clearly comprehend the past efforts of the Board in providing services to or in behalf of children in the specific areas. The Board agreed this was a responsibility of the National Study Service, and Mrs. Holland agreed to convey the Board's feeling to Mr. Moore.

**MOTION**

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to table the acceptance of the National Study Service final report.

The Board will consider the total number of the final reports and of the summary reports at the next work session and to whom the reports should be sent.

The activities reports for September, 1972 were reviewed by the Board.

The next meetings of the Board were scheduled for October 25, 1972, 9:30 a.m. (Work Session) and November 2, 1972, 9:30 a.m. (Regular Meeting) at the Detention Center.

The Board recessed and reconvened to review applications for Director's position and to take the following actions.

**MOTION**

Judge Page moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to interview Mr. Merle E. Springer and Dr. Raymond L. Edwards as soon as possible for the position of Director.

**MOTION**

Mr. Sakkis moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried unanimously to send a letter to other applicants informing them that the position of Director is no longer open.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary