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Meeting in Clearwater
December 7, 1967

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; County Commissioner John W. Bonsey; and Juvenile Court Judge Robert A. Halvorsen. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Miss Ruth E. Jefferson, Director, Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes; and Dr. Fred Hoffman, representing Dr. Thomas B. Southard.

MOTION:
Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the November 2nd meeting.

MOTION
Approval of
Expenditures for
November
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Judge Halvorsen seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for November: Checks #2242 through #2284 dated November 30; Checks #2285 through #2318 dated December 7; and Checks #2319 and #2320 dated December 29, 1967.

MOTION
Approval of Salaries
for December
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries for December 1967, on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial statement for the month of November was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that the first of the 1967-68 taxes totaling \$26,060.14 had been received.

The report of Children in Foster Care for the month of October, 1967, was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that there were only minor fluctuations from the number of children and days of care in the previous month.

- The Board discussed the proposals received from banks for interest rates on certificates of deposit. Dr. Finck reported that the best proposal had been received from the First National Bank of Dunedin.

MOTION
Investment in Certi-
ficates of Deposit
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to accept the proposal of the First National Bank of Dunedin for interest rates at 5% for three months, 5½% for six months, and 5½% for nine months for three deposits of \$100,000 each, and to authorize the Director to make the necessary transfer of funds.

The Board considered a letter from Mr. Bert Muller, Director of the Pinellas Association for Retarded Children, requesting an increase in the allocation of funds for Peter Pan School from \$900 to \$1700 a month.

MOTION
Denial of Request
from Peter Pan
School
Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Judge Halvorsen seconded a motion which carried, to notify Mr. Muller that the Board lacks sufficient available funds to grant his request, and that the Board will consider an increase for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1968.

MOTION
Nomination for
Community Services
Council Award
Mrs. Speer moved, and Commissioner Bonsey seconded a motion which carried, to nominate for the Community Services Council Award Mrs. Langston Holland, formerly President of the Pinellas Association for Retarded Children. The Director was instructed to draw up a suitable explanation of the Board's reasons for making this nomination.

MOTION

Appointment of
Marriage and Family
Counselor Mr. William
E. Neet

Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to accept Dr. Finck's recommendation of the appointment of Mr. William E. Neet as Marriage and Family Counselor to work with the three United Fund day nurseries beginning on or about February 1, 1968, at an initial salary rate of \$9006.40 for the first six months and \$9464.00 for the next year.

A reprint from Redbook magazine, "The Case of the Wandering IQ", was distributed to the members of the Board, and its relation to good foster care was discussed.

MOTION

Payment of Necessary
Expenses, Daytona
Beach, December
14th - 15th

Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request for the payment of necessary expenses for the marriage and family counseling staff to attend the Clinic Directors' Workshop, Daytona Beach, December 14th and 15th.

MOTION

Date of January
Meeting


Commissioner Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to change the date of the January, 1968, meeting from January 4th to January 11th, 1968.

Miss Ruth E. Jefferson, Director, Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes discussed the work of the License Board with members of the Juvenile Welfare Board. She explained the ways in which the License Board insures the protection of children away from their own homes and their own parents. She made a comparison between the situation at the time when she and Miss McDowell arrived to set up the License Board office in 1958 and the present. During this period, the total capacity of licensed children's centers and family day care homes has increased from 2686 to 5712. Miss Jefferson also explained that our County was doing a good job of providing subsidized day care for all children except those under two who could not be cared for in private family day care homes. The possibility of subsidizing family day care homes through supplementary payments was considered, and Dr. Finck stated that the new marriage and family counselor who works with the day nurseries would be able to gather some facts and data about this problem.

The Reverend John Linton from the Trinity Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg attended the meeting and told the Board about the after-school and tutoring activities of the church with the young people in the neighborhood. He stated that they were at the present time reaching approximately 400 young people through their program.

The Activities Reports for the month of November 1967 were reviewed by the Board.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, January 11th, in the County Office Building, Clearwater.


Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary