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Meeting in Juvenile Court Center

April 1, 1971

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. R. Clark Robinson; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nicholas Mangin; Juvenile Court Judges Jack A. Page and William L. Walker. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director; and the Reverend Johnston, Mr. Fillmore, and Mrs. Crandall representing the Head Start Child Development and Family Services, Inc.

Dr. Coleman welcomed Mr. Mangin to the Board in his office as Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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

The Reverend Mr. Johnston explained that the Head Start Program for 600 children, ages three to five, in 13 centers, was in need of additional local funds. Of a total budget of approximately \$933,000, the Federal Government was supplying about \$700,000, but Federal participation for the calendar year 1971 was being cut by approximately seven percent. A total local contribution of 27 percent would be required or an additional \$52,000. The Head Start Committee was asking the Juvenile Welfare Board to supply one-half of this sum, or \$26,000. If additional local funds cannot be secured, one or possibly two of the 13 centers will have to be closed. Dr. Coleman told the representatives of Head Start that the Board would consider their request, and the Board later decided that they would defer action until they had an opportunity to examine all budget requests for 1971-72.

MOTION Mrs. Robinson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried,
Approval of to approve the expenditures for March: checks #225 through
expenditures #262 and check #265 dated April 1, 1971; and checks #263 and #264
for March dated April 30, 1971.

MOTION Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried,
Approval of to approve the salaries as budgeted for April on condition
salaries for of completion of satisfactory service. Dr. Finck stated that
April during the month beginning February 26 and ending March 25, 58
persons were seen in the evening counseling hours, at a total cost
of \$281.77 for 47½ hours of counseling and clerical work.

MOTION Since Dr. Finck stated that some members of the staff wish to
Approval of have compensatory time off instead of overtime pay, Mrs. Holland
compensatory moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to permit
time the granting of compensatory time instead of overtime pay if this
was possible.

MOTION Mrs. Bissell moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which
Transfer of carried, to approve the transfer of \$11,446.29 from the Con-
funds from tingency Fund to Project Playpen to cover salaries for Mar-
Contingency to garet Young and Ruth Glennie for positions authorized by the
Project Playpen Board on November 5, 1970 and January 7, 1971.

The financial statement for the month of March, 1971 was reviewed by the Board.

MOTION

Transfer of funds from Contingency to State Div. of Family Services

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to authorize the transfer of \$10,000 from the Contingency Fund to deposit at the State Division of Family Services for Project Playpen in accordance with the agreement now signed by the State Division of Family Services and the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The reports of children in group care for February and from the Division of Family Services for the month of March, 1971 were reviewed by the Board. Judge Page stated the need for a second group home for boys to be controlled by the Juvenile Court. These boys would already have been in the group home operated by the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Shelter for this group home would be provided without charge by the Church. Judge Page estimated that, for the remaining six months of the fiscal year, a total of \$7,527 would be needed and in addition, \$1,900 for furnishings in this home.

MOTION

Approval of second group home

Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the necessary funds for a second group home for boys under Juvenile Court auspices and to transfer the sum of \$9,427 for the operation and furnishing of this home during the remainder of the fiscal year from Contingency to Group Home for Boys (2).

Judge Page presented a request from the Juvenile Court for the foster care of a 16 year-old boy, initials T. C. H. He stated that this boy had been placed by the Court in one of their homes in November with the expectation that support would be secured through the boy's mother. He stated that the natural father of the boy had not supported and had secured an order in another state awarding him custody of the boy. The stepfather, who is not legally responsible, refused to support and had contributed to driving the boy from the home.

MOTION

Approval of foster care through the Juvenile Court

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to approve foster care for board, clothing, and incidentals for T. C. H. in an amount up to \$100 a month.

The plan of cooperation with the Eckerd Foundation concerning a residence for girls who had been in the Eckerd Camp was discussed by the Board. The Board felt that a property for this facility should be purchased in Pinellas County.

MOTION

Approval of plan with Eckerd Foundation

Judge Walker moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to accept in principle the proposal that the Juvenile Welfare Board supply a facility, renovate, and furnish it for operation as a group home for girls for the Eckerd Foundation, which would be responsible over a period of ten years for its operation, maintenance, and upkeep. Dr. Coleman later announced that he was appointing a committee consisting of Judge Page, Dr. Finck, and himself to consult with representatives of the Eckerd Foundation concerning the location and purchase of a property.

MOTION

Request for travel or professional leave for William E. Neet, Marriage & Family Counseling Staff, and Dr. Edwards

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of necessary expenses for William E. Neet to attend the workshop on group care of infants, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, June 21 - July 2 (instead of SACUS at Atlanta as previously approved by the Board); for the

Marriage and Family Counseling Staff to attend the Tampa Bay NASW and Community Service Association Combined Institute, April 23, at St. Petersburg Beach; and for professional leave for Dr. Raymond L. Edwards to attend the NASW Delegate Assembly, St. Louis, Missouri, April 17-22.

The Activities Reports for March, 1971 were presented to 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, May 6, 1971.

Mrs. William C. M. Bissell
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