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Minutes of December 8, 1949

The Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board met in Clearwater on December 8, 1949, at 9:45 a.m., with Mrs. Holland, Judge Marshall, Mr. Belcher, Mrs. Bartlett, and Director Williams present.

The minutes of November 10 were approved.

Motion: Bills amounting to \$7,710.42 were presented. Judge Marshall moved these be paid. Mr. Belcher seconded Bills the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Dr. Williams read a new agreement with the Child Guidance Clinic which the Board discussed, chiefly an item of \$4,500 to be given the Clinic in equal monthly installments for the period of January 1, 1950 to September 3, 1950.

Motion: Judge Marshall moved that this agreement (copy in Child Guidance Clinic file) be approved. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams presented members of the Board with the Board's annual report.

Motion: Judge Marshall moved the report be accepted and filed Annual Report in the Board's records and that Director Herbert Williams be commended upon its completeness and excellence. Mrs. Bartlett seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams presented an agreement with the Junior League of St. Petersburg regarding the League's financial assistance on the preventive project the Board is planning to conduct in the schools.

Motion: Mr. Belcher moved the agreement (copy in file) be Junior League Agreement approved. Judge Marshall seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams asked that the Board decide to start this project January 1 by the transfer of Mrs. Dame from her work with the Court to the work of the project and by having the psychologist start soon after that. Since the requests for marriage counseling were so great, he asked for the appointment of a psychologist to be made soon.

Motion: Judge Marshall moved that Dr. Williams be authorized Clinical Psychologist to employ Mr. Lawrence C. Johnson as clinical psychologist and marriage counselor at a salary of \$5,000.00 a year for ten months of working time. Mr. Belcher seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Williams reported in meeting with a committee from the churches to see if they would contribute \$2,000 or more for the marriage counseling program and spoke of the mechanics of setting up a committee of nine members to act as a liaison-sponsor group.

Judge Marshall initiated discussion on a new case worker to take Mrs. Dame's place and asked that the Board employ a man.

Motion: Mr. Belcher moved that Dr. Williams be authorized to follow the usual procedure in employing a case worker. Judge Marshall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Judge Marshall suggested that members of the Board upon request make speeches and talks on the Board's activities as a matter of better public relations. Dr. Williams was asked to write a letter to various organizations informing them of the availability of this service.

Several special cases of children were discussed and disposed of in the following manner:

Motions: Mr. Belcher moved and Judge Marshall seconded that the Board approve paying \$25.00 a month, beginning October, for Flora Rolfe, according to our agreement. It was carried. Mr. Belcher moved and Judge Marshall seconded that in the case of Alice and Donald Taylor the Board pay \$58.39, a deficit to the Children's Service Bureau and that these children be subsidized for the month of December, while other plans were being worked out. It was carried. In the case of Alice Carden, Judge Marshall moved and Mr. Belcher seconded that the Board accept the financial responsibility and also ask the Children's Service Bureau to explore immediately the possibilities of placing the girl with relatives. It was carried. Mrs. Bartlett moved and Mr. Belcher seconded that in the case of Dorothy Doremus, the Board supplement her care in a foster home to the extent of \$5.00 weekly. It was carried. In the case of Betty Jo Fordham, Mr. Belcher moved and Judge Marshall seconded that the Board supplement her care \$5.00 weekly till the case could be disposed of by the Court. It was carried.

There was some discussion on improving conditions at the Home for Temporary Care of Boys. Mr. Belcher said he would take up the matter with Commissioner LaVoie of a better road to the home.

Motion: Mr. Belcher moved that the Board approve leasing of this home from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pressley for 14 months at \$16.00 per month, payable in advance. Mrs. Bartlett seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned till January 5.

Margaret Belcher Bartlett

Secretary