5-14-1953

Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting : 1953 : 05 : 14 : Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.

Follow this and additional works at: https://digital.usfsp.edu/jwb_meetings

Recommended Citation
https://digital.usfsp.edu/jwb_meetings/34

This Other is brought to you for free and open access by the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County at Digital USFSP. It has been accepted for inclusion in Junior Welfare Board Agendas/Minutes by an authorized administrator of Digital USFSP.
Meeting of May 14, 1953

Held in Clearwater

Present were Mrs. Strickland, chairman; Mrs. Harrison; Mrs. Holland; Mrs. Jackson; Judge Gardiner; and Dr. Williams, Director. In the absence of Commissioner Parry, Mrs. Jackson was appointed secretary pro tem.

After discussion, the minutes of the April 23 meeting were approved as read.

A tape recording of the Peerless Pinellas Presents program on "The Juvenile Welfare Program in Pinellas County" broadcast over WTSP Sunday, May 10, at 9:00 p.m. was played for the Board members. This broadcast included talks by Mrs. William Bond, past president of the Junior League of St. Petersburg, and Miss Margaret H. Stine, principal of Lakeview Elementary School, and Dr. Herbert D. Williams, Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Motion: Mrs. Holland moved that checks Nos. 3094-3112 in the General Expenditures Operating Account and checks Nos. 398-403 in the In-School Counseling Account be approved for payment. Mrs. Harrison seconded the motion which carried.

The Director announced that the Juvenile Welfare Board was keeping within its budget as shown by the financial statement as of the end of April. He also presented a statement regarding payment to and expenditures of the State Department of Public Welfare for the Child Welfare Unit during the first six months of this fiscal year. This account showed that expenditures during the period left the State Welfare Department with a balance of $2309.01 which is less that the $2500 usually kept in this account for anticipated expenditures during the ensuing month. The Director stated that this would mean that no refund from the State Department of Public Welfare would be received at this time.

Dr. Williams reported that there were 148 children in foster homes of the Child Welfare Unit during April for a total of 1345 days of care and that there were seven children in the foster homes of the Children's Service Bureau for whom the Juvenile Welfare Board was paying part, or all of the cost of care.

Dr. Williams reported on the good adjustment of Walter Williams at The Southern Institute and of the desire of the Juvenile Court worker to continue Walter in school during the summer. The total cost of care is $125.00, of which the parents have agreed to pay $60.00. The Juvenile Welfare Board would need to subsidize the balance of the amount to the extent of $65.00.

Motion: Mrs. Harrison moved that the Board pay $65.00 for the care of Walter Williams at The Southern Institute for the summer period. Mrs. Holland seconded the motion which carried.

Dr. Williams reported that Leonard Summers had applied for reinstatement as social worker to take on the position of Assistant Counselor in the Juvenile Court. Judge Gardiner had expressed his desire to have him reinstated.
Motion: Mrs. Jackson moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion that Leonard Summers be reinstated at as early a date as proper notice to Mr. Mancuso would allow. Motion carried.

Dr. Williams reported on the need for additional foster homes for children awaiting adoption and for adolescents. Various plans for recognition of the unselfish and valuable services of foster parents were discussed. It was suggested that the children in foster homes be helped to observe Mother's Day and Father's Day by giving tokens of appreciation to them. It was suggested that the outstanding work of foster parents be recognized by making a special occasion out of the presentation of a gift or an award to outstanding foster parents. The possibility of having public officials present awards to the outstanding foster parents of infants, of children in the middle age range, and of adolescents was also considered and the Director was authorized to discuss the matter with the agency staffs engaging in foster home placement.

Judge Gardiner reported on his impressions of the National Conference of Juvenile Judges held in New Orleans recently. He told of the increase in juvenile delinquency throughout the country as reported by the Juvenile Judges. He also expressed his concern over the problems faced by the Court as a result of the inability of the training schools to accept commitments promptly and the difficulty of holding such children in the community. This puts a load on the Juvenile Court, the foster homes, and the detention facilities of the County which is proving most difficult.

The Board requested that a report be made at its next meeting regarding the present load of cases and the plans for meeting the situation be discussed at that time.

The meeting adjourned until Thursday, May 28.

[Signature]

Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson
Secretary Pro Tem