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Attending were Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Holland, Judge Marshall, and Mrs. Strickland. Also attending was Dr. Williams, the Director.

The minutes of the meeting of May 10 were read and approved.

Expenditures of the Juvenile Welfare Board for the past month were reviewed. Dr. Williams reported that the trade-in of the old Chevrolet on a new one, as approved at the last board meeting, had been consummated and the car had been delivered. Judge Marshall made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Strickland that the expenditures covered by checks Nos. 2113-2129 of the General Operating Fund of the Juvenile Welfare Board, and expenditures of the In-School Counseling Project covered by Ch. Nos. 172-178 be approved. The motion was carried.

Miss Mary Byers, Supervisor of the Child Welfare Unit of the District #4 Welfare Board, made a report on the work of the Child Welfare Unit covering the period of October 1, 1950 through March 31, 1951. She stated that during this period a total of 167 children had been given service by Child Welfare Unit. Forty-three of these cases were involved in adoption petitions in Pinellas County.

Since the Child Welfare Unit was established in June of 1948, 818 children have been given some type of service. Among the tangible services given during the past six months, she reported foster care given for 6,117 days, shelter care for 2,115 days, and housekeeper service for 20 days. The cost of these services were paid for as follows: Juvenile Welfare Board for direct services - $9,280.95; state funds for direct services - $3,474.75; and contributions from relatives and clubs - $831.83. The entire cost of administration for the Unit including salaries, mileage, office equipment and supplies, etc. are paid through Federal and State Funds.

Among the requests for service, placement away from home was requested in 27 cases; housekeeper service for 8; consultative help with family problems for 24; social information including out of town inquiries for 25; casework services for unmarried mothers for 25 and foster care for their children for 9; adoption placement for 2; supervision of child for other agencies for 2; adoption services for 43; and service to 2 wishing to adopt a child.

These requests came from a large number of sources among which were included other state offices, Juvenile Court Probation Office, Florence Crittenton Home, State agencies, City Division of Social Service, schools, and others.

Miss Byers told of one family of five children ranging from 7 years of age to 2 months who were transported to relatives in Georgia.

The board discussed in some detail the activities report of the various affiliated agencies, with particular emphasis on the work of the Juvenile Court. In Mr. Patrick's absence, the Director was asked to furnish information regarding the case load of each of the workers and the report of the case load at the beginning of April was given to the Board. The Board requested that the Director invite Mr. Patrick, the Probation Officer, to be present at the next meeting of the Board and to report on the activities of the Probation Office and his progress in meeting the goals suggested to him by the Board at the May 10 meeting. He is also to be asked
to report on the case load of each of his workers. Dissatisfaction was expressed over the work of the probation department in the number of re-opened cases and in the low case load of Miss Lovely. Dissatisfaction with Miss Lovely's work was indicated and the Board wishes to ask Mr. Patrick about that at its next meeting.

The Board asked Miss Byers about the case load of her department and she indicated that there were approximately 45 children per worker, but in addition to the case work, there also was the finding and investigating of new foster homes, supervision of foster parents, community relations jobs, etc. The Director reported that most Juvenile Court cases loads range from 40 to 60 per worker.

Correspondence with Senator Baynard regarding House Bill 614 was read and ordered filed.

The Board discussed the present situation with reference to filling the approaching vacancy in the Juvenile Court Judgeship. It was brought out that there were two important factors in meeting this problem. One was the increase in the salary of the position. Dr. Williams reported that the bill to increase the salary from $2,700 with $900 travel allowance to $4,200 with $600 travel allowance had been passed by the Senate. Judge Marshall moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which was carried that a telegram be sent to the House Delegation requesting them to use their efforts to pass Senate Bill 901 which increases the Juvenile Judge's salary.

The second factor in reference to filling the position of Juvenile Judge of Pinellas County had to do with securing a qualified applicant. After discussing all known eligible persons, the Board came to the conclusion that Mr. Ben Krentzman of Clearwater is the best qualified person for the position. Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion recommending Mr. Krentzman for Juvenile Judge, and expressing this approval in the form of telegrams to Governor Fuller Warren and Senator Baynard. This motion was agreed to over the phone by Mr. Christian and Mr. Wick who were contacted and passed unanimously. The Board instructed the Director to send telegrams to Mr. Krentzman and Mr. Cooperman concerning the action in recommending Mr. Krentzman for the Juvenile Judgeship.

Dr. Williams reported that the Traffic Survey being conducted by the Junior College has been temporarily stopped by the College examinations. Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion to authorize the Director to pay some of the students for completing this survey if suitable arrangements could be made. This motion passed.

Dr. Williams reported on a program held recently at the Junior College by the Welfare Council of which he is President. This program was for the purpose of informing the public of the various welfare activities in the community and the ways in which interested groups and clubs could be helpful. He also reported on the meeting of the Florida Psychological Association where he and Dr. Voorhis were participants on the program.