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Minutes of March 13, 1952

Present were Mrs. Bartlett, Chairman, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Meador, and Judge Gardiner. Also present was Dr. Williams.

The minutes of the February 28th meeting were approved.

In connection with the minutes, Dr. Williams reported that the Junior League had withdrawn their request for a letter to be written setting forth specific needs. This letter is not needed at the present time.

Mrs. Holland reported on a conference with Mrs. Thurston and upon her talk to the Junior League regarding the In School Counseling Project.

Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Meador seconded a motion that expenditures as shown by Checks 2533 - 2557 in the General Operating Fund and expenditures as covered by Checks 274 - 279 in the In School Counseling Fund be approved for payment. This motion was carried.

A letter from the Tax Collector requesting a refund of overpayment of tax monies was read. Action was postponed until the next meeting.

Judge Gardiner discussed the mileage being paid court staff, and it was suggested that Dr. Williams check Miss Lovely's cases in order to determine the necessity for present mileage and for the number of dependent cases being carried by the Court rather than the Child Welfare Unit.

Judge Gardiner reported on a case where he felt that the School Counseling Service should have had some contact with the case. Dr. Williams said he would check on the facts and report back to the Board.

Mrs. Bartlett asked for a statement regarding the present status with reference to boys and girls in the training schools with reference to the number of repeaters, their race, and sex. In the Discussion the Board expressed interest in the parole plans made for children in training schools and the preparation made for their return. The Board also expressed an interest in the follow up supervision given to such cases.

In connection with the recent request from the Children's Commission for information regarding child labor law violations, Dr. Williams reported that the visiting teachers had been making a study of this and had found that violations were found mostly in bowling alleys and drive-ins where children are worked beyond the legal hours for such employment, and indicated that plans were underway to send out notices of the legal requirements for employment of minors. It was suggested that the responsibility for enforcement of child labor laws placed a burden upon the visiting teachers which interfered with their more constructive efforts for disturbed, poorly adjusted children in the schools. It was felt that the responsibility for this type of law enforcement should be returned to the Industrial Commission and that the Legislature should appropriate funds to employ inspectors as has been done in the past. This was one of the suggestions which it was felt the Children's Commission should follow through on with the State Government.

It was suggested that the Pinellas County Children's Committee be organized with the members of the Juvenile Welfare Board being a part of the Committee, but not the only members. The plan as outlined called for a selection of a number of
representative citizens in addition to others specified in the law. It was felt that the officers of the Children’s Committee should not be the same as the officers of the Juvenile Welfare Board, but that the Children’s Committee should be a separate organization with the Juvenile Welfare Board participating in it.

A discussion of the desirability of charging fees for marriage and family consultation service was postponed until the next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board would be held in the St. Petersburg Office on Thursday, March 27 at 10:00 A.M.

Kathleen Strickland