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The regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board was held in Clearwater on September 23, 1954.

Present: Mrs. Baya Harrison, Chairman; Mrs. H. W. Holland, Secretary pro tem; Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson; Mr. Floyd T. Christian; and the Director, Dr. Herbert D. Williams.

The minutes of the regular meeting on September 9, 1954, and the minutes of the special meeting on September 17, 1954, were approved as submitted by mail to the membership.

After some explanation of the end-of-the-fiscal-year expenditures,

Motion: Mrs. Jackson moved and Mr. Christian seconded a motion that expenditures as listed under checks #3701 through #3723 be approved for payment. The motion carried.

Dr. Williams explained that salary increases for the project supervisor and the secretary had been approved at the time of budget approval by the Board, but was being put on the agenda in case there was any question prior to the beginning of the effective date of the increases. The Board expressed its approval of the increases for the secretary and the project supervisor.

A letter from Judge Gardiner regarding Charles M. Adams and his need for some help to attend Montverde School was read by the Director.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion that the Juvenile Welfare Board authorize payment of $20 monthly toward his schooling while he was at Montverde School, subject to the Director's approval. The motion carried.

A letter from Judge Gardiner regarding the procedures for referring juveniles violating federal laws was read. No action was necessary.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion, which carried, authorizing the use of Homemaker funds on a temporary basis, until permanent plans can be worked out, to provide services for Sarah Krieger so that Jean Stevens can attend school.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that day foster care be financed by the Juvenile Welfare Board for two Maxwell children until other plans can be worked out. The motion carried.

The Director reported that a phone conversation with Tom Smith, Chairman of the Budget Commission, had resulted in verbal approval of the action of the Juvenile Welfare Board on September 9, 1954 in transferring funds from "Other Services and Emergencies" to "Foster Care."

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The Director discussed his suggestions for a department of correction for Florida.

The Director listed the following legislative changes needed for children:

1. Removal of the $81 limit per family in Aid to Dependent Children funds.

2. Setting up an adequate and separate fund for child welfare services in the State Welfare budget.


4. Follow-up and supervision of children released from the state industrial schools, after a period of treatment there.

5. Expansion of child welfare services for special needs of children who have been deprived of their families, and need foster home care in lieu thereof.

6. Uniform, state-wide record system of juvenile delinquency and reporting of the figures to some central authority for study, analysis, and evaluation.

7. State-wide organization in the juvenile court system.

8. Establishment of a state industrial school in southern or central Florida to provide convenient accessible facilities for children in these areas and prevent periodic closing of admissions with consequent holding of children in jail over extended periods.

9. Establish an institution for defectives in southern Florida to take care of the accumulated backlog of cases in urgent need of care.

The meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting of the Board on October 11, 1954.

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Secretary pro tem