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Meeting of April 22, 1954

Held in Clearwater

The regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board was held at Clearwater in the Board of Education auditorium on Thursday morning, April 22, 1954.

Present: Mrs. Baya Harrison, Chairman; Mr. Sidney S. Parry, Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson; Mrs. John Strickland; Mr. Floyd Christian; and Dr. Herbert D. Williams, Director.

The Minutes of the April 8, 1954 Meeting were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Motion: Expenditures  Mrs. Jackson moved and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion that expenditures as covered by checks #3510 through #3530 in the General Operating Account and checks #158 through #161 in the In-School Counseling Account be approved for payment. The motion carried.

The Financial Report from October 1, 1953 through April 30, 1954 was submitted and discussed. The Director pointed out that funds were being depleted in the Foster Care account, and that some transfer from Other Services and Emergencies and perhaps from Homemaker Service to Foster Care Service might be necessary before the end of the fiscal year.

A letter from Mrs. Terrill of the Juvenile Welfare Board staff to Bradford, Pennsylvania, in reply to a request for information regarding Homemaker Service, was read. This letter gave a summary of activities in the Homemaker Service for the first six months of this fiscal year. It indicated a surprising degree of effectiveness, and of recovery of amounts spent through payment by families and other agencies.

The Director described the "Day At College" program put on by the Welfare Council of Greater St. Petersburg for the information of the public in regard to welfare services, resources, and needs in the community, and indicated that delegates from the Juvenile Welfare Board were desirable.

Motion: Delegates  Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Strickland seconded the motion that the Juvenile Welfare Board be represented at the "Community Goes to College" Day program on May 13, 1954 at the Junior College by Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson, Mrs. Baya Harrison, and Mrs. H. W. Holland, and by Mrs. Louise Terrill. The motion carried.

There was a discussion of the organization of day nursery operators, and the progress being made toward an initial organization meeting to be held on April 27, 1954.

The presentation of the Budget to the Board of County Commissioners on May 4, 1954, at 2:45 P.M. was raised and

Motion: Budget Hearing  Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion that the 1954-1955 Budget be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners on May 4, 1954 by Dr. Williams, the Director. The motion carried.
There was some discussion of the Budget and the feeling was expressed that this Budget represented the best adjustment that could be made, in terms of the financial situation of the Board, to cover the pressing needs for which the Juvenile Welfare Board is obligated.

The Activities Reports for March from the Director, Child Welfare Unit, and the Children's Service Bureau were discussed, as were the Activities Reports from the Child Guidance Clinic for February and March, and the Activities Report from the Juvenile Court for February. These were presented and accepted by the Board.

Mr. Parry brought up the question of the possible rehiring of Mr. Patrick on a part-time basis as an assistant counselor at a nominal salary. There was some question raised by Mr. Christian as to the damage this might do to Mr. Patrick's retirement prospects, and there was also some question as to Mr. Patrick's physical and health ability to take on responsibilities at this time.

Mr. Parry reported on the selection of a negro assistant counselor by the Merit Board, and indicated that their selection had been accepted and appointed by the Juvenile Judge.

The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held in the St. Petersburg offices of the Board at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, May 6, 1954.

Sidney S. Parry
Secretary