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Meeting of March 26, 1953
Held in Clearwater

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

The minutes of the March 12 meeting were approved.

Dr. Williams read a letter sent to Dr. Harrison, president of the Pinellas County Medical Society regarding medical assistance for the Juvenile Welfare Board and its affiliated agencies. He also told of the effort being made to secure information regarding the number and variety of medical problems encountered last year. This information the Director said was needed for the Medical Society and for the budgets of the agencies.

Motion: Dr. Jackson moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion that expenditures covered by checks Nos. 3042 - 3057 in the General Operating Account and 378 - 378 in the In-School Counseling Account be paid. Motion carried.

Judge Gardiner discussed the status of the Florida Children's Commission and the threat to its continuance indicated in the action of the Senate Appropriations Committee recommendation that the Florida Children's Commission funds be erased, thus abolishing the Children's Commission.

Motion: After discussion, Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that Dr. Williams be authorized to write a letter to the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation urging their support in behalf of the Florida Children's Commission and that the members of the Board work with other organization and individuals to that end. Motion carried.

The secretary read a list of seven legislative recommendations to the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation.

Motion: Mrs. Jackson moved that these recommendations be accepted and that our Legislative Delegation in Pinellas County be urged to support the Legislative Recommendations. The motion was seconded by Judge Gardiner and carried.

Upon request from Mrs. Harrison, Judge Gardiner reported in regard to the status of Aileen Howard. He stated that her case was coming up for consideration in the Juvenile Court this afternoon and that the girl is now staying in the home to which she had gone, this home having been licensed as a special home for the girl by the State Welfare Department.

Dr. Williams read a request by the State Department of Public Welfare for assistance for a 15 year old girl who is pregnant but whose marriage to a teen ager makes her ineligible for State funds.
Motion: Judge Gardiner moved that the Juvenile Welfare Board accept the financial responsibility for the needed care of the girl and allot such funds as are necessary for her care until other plans can be made. Mrs. Harrison seconded the motion which carried.

Judge Gardiner reported on the girl who was being supported by the Juvenile Welfare Board during her last semester as a senior in the St. Petersburg Senior High School. He stated that she is now able to support herself and has requested discontinuance of support. She has, however, asked for continued supervision by the Children's Service Bureau.

Dr. Williams read and discussed the activities reports for the month of February.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until the second Thursday in April.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson
Secretary Pro Tem