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Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
Meeting of September 22, 1955
Held in Clearwater

The regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board was held on September 22, 1955 in the Court House in Clearwater.

Present: Mrs. Baya Harrison, Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary;
Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson; Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr.;
and the Director, Dr. Herbert D. Williams.

The minutes of the September 8, 1955 meeting were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Motion: Expenditures
Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion, which carried, that expenditures as covered by checks #113 through #167 be approved for payment subject to confirming bills at the end of the month.

The Director went over the report of children in foster care with the Board and pointed out that some receipts through contributions from parents and collections by the court had reduced the cost per child to the Juvenile Welfare Board.

A letter from the Children's Service Bureau regarding Baby Girl Frazier was read to the Board, and the Board authorized the Director to explore the matter further with the Children's Service Bureau to determine whether the mother or the putative father could contribute to the support of the child.

The committee on the selection of marriage and family counselor reported on the interview with Dr. George H. Finck. Mrs. Holland made the report and stated that the committee had been very much impressed with Dr. Finck's qualifications, his letters of reference, his training, his experience, and his personality at the interview. The committee recommends his appointment. Dr. Williams reported that Dr. Finck was willing to accept the appointment, but would need to complete some cases on which he was working at the Guidance Center of Hillsborough County in Tampa and would need to orient his successor in his job. He estimates that this would require about six weeks. He felt that he would be unable to begin work before November 1, 1955.

Motion: Dr. Finck's Appt.
Mrs. Strickland moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion, which carried, that Dr. Finck be employed by the Board at a salary of $7,000 per annum.

The Juvenile Court report for June was reviewed and Judge Parks gave a report on the kind of problems facing the court and his efforts to clear up cases accumulated during the previous judgeship. He stated that at the present time he is handling cases on a current basis.

The Activities reports for August were reviewed briefly.

Kathleen E. Strickland
Secretary