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The regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board was held in Clearwater on March 3, 1955.

Present: Mrs. Baya Harrison, Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mr. Floyd T. Christian; Mr. Charles R. Fischer; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson; and the Director, Dr. Herbert D. Williams; also present was Mr. Evan R. Jenkins of the Board of County Commissioners.

The minutes of the February 10, 1955 meeting were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Mrs. Holland suggested that the changes in the law be discussed with Mr. Parks and his approval be secured. It was also suggested that the Juvenile Welfare Board members talk to the members of the Board of County Commissioners to inform them of changes in the law. All members of the Juvenile Welfare Board were urged to attend the Monday night meeting with the Legislative Delegation and the Board of County Commissioners. This meeting is to be held in Clearwater at 8:00 P.M., March 7, 1955 in the Court House or in the auditorium of the Board of Public Instruction Building.

Motion:
Expenditures Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that expenditures as covered by checks #3889 through #3908 in the General Operating Account and checks #491 through #494 in the In-School Counseling Account be approved for payment. The motion carried.

The financial reports for February were discussed and it was pointed out by the Director that Foster Care funds were being overspent. There is a deficit of several hundred dollars. The exact amount cannot be determined until all of February bills for foster care are in.

A request from the Children's Service Bureau for continued support of Deanna Chandler was read and the situation explained by the Director.

Motion: Continued support of Deanna Chandler Mr. Christian moved and Mr. Fischer seconded a motion that the Board continue to support Deanna Chandler through high school. The motion carried.

After some discussion, the Board approved the suggestion that a letter of appreciation and commendation be sent to people giving emergency service to children in the absence of the parents. It was pointed out that most of this type of service arose in connection with children referred to the Juvenile Court, when a neighbor takes care of the children in the parents' absence. In these cases, the letter could more properly be sent by the Judge of the Juvenile Court.

The Mental Health Meeting, held on February 28, 1955, was reported on by Mr. Christian and the Director, who gave a list of registered organizations attending.

The Director reported on the Conference of Juvenile Court Judges which he addressed at its Jacksonville meeting.

The Juvenile Court reports for the month of December were presented and discussed as were the activities reports for January.
It was suggested by the Director that certain budget changes from the preliminary budget outlined in the Fall would be necessary because of the increased load.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until the fourth Thursday in March, March 24, 1955.

Kathleen E. Strickland
Secretary