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Meeting of June 10, 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, June 10, 1954.

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

The Minutes of the April 22, 1954 Meeting were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Motion: Expenditures

After a discussion of some individual items, Mrs. Jackson moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion approving the expenditures of May 15, May 28, and June 15, as covered by checks #3531 through #3585 in the General Operating Account and by checks #462 through #467 in the In-School Counseling Account. The motion carried.

During a discussion of the financial statements, the Director reminded the Board that a transfer of funds from "Other Services and Emergencies" and "Homemaker Service" to "Foster Care" has been anticipated over the past several months. As of the end of May, the "Foster Care" expenditures were slightly over two-thirds of the budgeted amount for the year. The Board suggested that the Director write to the Board of County Commissioners and to the Budget Board regarding the need for authority from them to transfer funds within the total budget. It was also suggested that Mr. Cooperman's opinion be obtained prior to writing the letter.

An invitation from the Secretary of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, addressed to Dr. Williams, requesting him to attend a conference on "Moving Ahead to Curb Juvenile Delinquency," was presented to the Board by the Director; also an invitation to participate in a program in Tallahassee at the Florida State University, on July 1, 1954.

Motion: Attendance by Dr. Williams to Meetings

Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion, which carried, that the Director be sent by the Board, at the Board's expense, to attend the two meetings listed above.

The Director reported on the number of children in foster care for April and May, and gave a six-months report on the number of children in foster care during that period with the expenditures required for such care.

The Director also reported on the National Conference of Social Welfare in Atlantic City, particularly in regard to programs relating to children, juvenile delinquency, foster home care of various types, homemaker service, etc.

Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Harrison reported on the "Community Goes To College" Day, on May 13, at St. Petersburg Junior College. This was described as an excellent program with good attendance of many young lay women as well as professional staff of agencies.

A letter from Mr. Sidney Parry announcing his intention of resigning as Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, effective June 1, and expressing his pleasure in working with the Board and his good wishes, was read.
Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that a letter of appreciation to Mr. Parry for his interest and unselfish service to the Juvenile Welfare Board and its program be prepared and sent to him by the Director. The motion carried.

Activities Reports for April were discussed by the Board and some mention was made for the need for planning the future program of the Board, which will involve legislative action.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until June 24, 1954.

Mailande Holland
Secretary pro tem

June 11, 1954

Mr. Sidney S. Parry
P. O. Box 8043
Madeira Beach 8, Florida

Dear Mr. Parry:

It was too bad that you couldn't be present and hear all of the nice things that were said about you at the meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board yesterday, when your letter announcing your resignation as Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners was read.

The Board voted to send you a letter of regret at the termination of your services with the Board, and of appreciation for your interested devotion and effective support to the Board's program.

Mention was made of your courageous stand on behalf of the Board's program in the interest of children, your understanding, your devotion, and your energetic efforts on the Board's behalf.

Be assured that you have the sincerest appreciation and gratitude of the members of the Juvenile Welfare Board, and of its Director.

Sincerely yours,

JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

by

Herbert D. Williams
Director