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Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting: 1952: 07: 10: Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
Minutes of July 10, 1952

Present were Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Meador, Mrs. Strickland, Judge Gardiner, and Mr. Parry.

In the absence of Mrs. Bartlett, Chairman, Mrs. Holland moved and Mr. Parry seconded a motion electing Judge Gardiner as chairman pro tem. The motion carried.

The minutes of the June 12 meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Parry moved and Mrs. Meador seconded a motion that expenditures as shown by General Operating Checks 2687 to 2729 and School Counseling Fund Checks 314 and 315 be approved for payment. The motion carried.

Dr. Williams reported that the Beers Home is continuing to operate as a temporary home following payment of the damage done by a boy. He also reported that the Mongoloid child had been placed in the Duvall Home near DeLand at a rate of $75 a month. He praised the promptness and efficiency with which the Child Welfare Unit had carried out its responsibilities in regard to transferring two children to South Carolina, and taking care of the Mongoloid child and its transportation to the Duvall Home.

Dr. Williams reported on the qualifications of a secretary for the In-School Counseling Service beginning in September. The secretary is to be paid by the School Board, but the Director was asked to find a properly qualified person and employ her for this assignment.

The Board looked over the financial statement for June 30 and noticed that all items still had unexpended balances.

The Director reported that through the efforts of Judge Gardiner, the Juvenile Welfare Board had received $894.93 as payment for all expenditures for board and care of the Fitch children through April 30. These payments came from accumulated Veterans Administration Funds which had been paid into the estate of the father for the children.

The Director read a report from Mrs. Dame regarding an emotionally disturbed child who had been transferred to the Christian Brothers School, and with the break-up of the family had been entered in the camp operated by the Christian Brothers. The Christian Brothers teachers and school are financing the camp expenses to the extent of $50 for the month of July. Dr. Williams recommended that the Juvenile Welfare Board invest $45 to cover the remainder of the expenses.

Mr. Parry moved and Mrs. Holland seconded the motion that the Juvenile Welfare Board finance the additional cost of the camp period to the extent of $45. Motion carried.

The Board went over and discussed activities reports for May.

The Director brought up and discussed the advisability of attempting to establish a Visiting Mother Service for families where emergencies take the mother out of the home and it becomes necessary to place the children in Foster Homes. He brought out that this was upsetting to the children and more expensive than a Visiting Mother Service would be. The Board expressed its interest in this program and suggested that the matter be explored further.

The Board adjourned until the fourth Thursday in August at 9:30 A.M. in Clearwater.