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The regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board was held in Clearwater on May 5, 1955.

Present: Mrs. Baya Harrison, Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mr. Charles B. Fischer; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson; and the Director, Dr. Herbert D. Williams. Also present: Dr. Walter M. White, Director of the Child Guidance Clinic.

The minutes of the May 5, 1955 meeting were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Motion: Expenditures
Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that expenditures for May 30, 1955 as indicated on checks #4008 through #4027 in the General Operating Account; checks #509 through #513 in the In-School Counseling Account; and check #23 in the Trustee Account be approved for payment. The motion carried.

The financial reports for May were discussed and it was pointed out that expenditures for foster care were in excess of the seven-months allocation by $2,213.62, leaving a budget balance of only $11,119.74. The Director indicated that he felt that it would be possible to transfer $4,000 from other items in which there would be savings to foster care item.

The Director explained that a shortage of funds at the present time made it seem unwise to grant the request of the Child Welfare Unit for support of three children at the Lyman Ward School during the summer.

Motion: Support of 3 children at school
Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that this request be acted upon if and when funds were available. The motion carried.

A letter from Children's Service Bureau requesting support of Jacqueline and Andrea Feusier was read by the Director.

Motion: Support of Feusier children
Mrs. Jackson moved and Mr. Fischer seconded a motion that the Juvenile Welfare Board support the Feusier children if and when funds were available. The motion carried.

The Director reported on a request from the Children's Service Bureau for support of an infant with club feet, but indicated that he felt that it might be possible to work out another plan for this infant and requested that action on the request be postponed. No action was taken.

A letter from the Children's Service Bureau reporting the placement for adoption of Illeane Dallas was read.

A letter from the Council of Community Services, Providence, Rhode Island requesting information on the In-School Counseling Project was read.
A six-months report of children coming to the attention of the police department and the Juvenile Court was discussed.

The Juvenile Court reports for March were discussed.

Activities reports for April from the Director, the Child Welfare Unit, and the Children's Service Bureau were commented on by the Director.

The meeting was adjourned until 2:00 P.M. when the Juvenile Welfare Board and its Director, accompanied by the Director, Dr. Walter M. White, Mrs. William Upham, and Mr. James Newton of the Child Guidance Clinic appeared before the members of the Board of County Commissioners to discuss, report on, and certify their proposed budget for 1955-1956.

The County Commissioners showed an interest in the activities and program of the Juvenile Welfare Board and recorded no criticism of the proposed budget.

Kathleen E. Strickland
Secretary