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Meeting of October 18, 1956

Held in Clearwater

Present: Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson, Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mr. Floyd T. Christian; Mr. Charles R. Fischer; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr.; also present the Director, Dr. Herbert D. Williams.

The Board members and the Director expressed their pleasure at the return of Mrs. Jackson who presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the September 20th meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board were approved as submitted to the members by mail.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion, which  
Expenditures carried, that expenditures for October 15th as listed on checks #4622 through #4635 be approved for payment.

Financial reports for the fiscal year 1955-56 covering general operating account and budget expenditures, trustee accounts, and homemaker service were submitted and explained by the Director. These reports showed the Board to be in good condition in all accounts, with no deficits.

Also submitted were reports on the number of children in foster care, during September as being 92 for a total of 2633 days at a cost of \$5,239.30. Reimbursements during the month amounted to \$1,290.75, leaving a net cost of \$4,038.55. Another report gave comparative figures for 1954-55 and 1955-56. These showed that the number of children in foster care increased from 120 to 133; the number of days of care increased from 26,161 to 28,686; the total cost of foster care increased from \$51,122.00 to \$54,845.21; but reimbursements increased from \$5,725.73 to \$10,010.93.

Motion:  
Approval for Dr. Finck Mrs. Harrison moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion,  
to attend Tallahassee which carried, that the Board approve Dr. Finck's attendance  
Meeting at the Tallahassee meeting of the Southeast Council on Family Relations, October 20, 21, 22, 1956 with expenses to be paid by the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion that  
Employment of the Board approve the employment of Mrs. Emma Sue Guy at a  
Mrs. Emma Sue Guy salary of \$2,460 effective October 1, 1956. The motion  
Approved carried.

It was suggested by the members of the Board that Dr. Finck, Mrs. Mount, members of the Juvenile Court staff and other members of the staff of the Juvenile Welfare Board come before the Board and describe the work in which they are engaged.

Dr. Williams reported that Reverend Coleman expressed his willingness to serve on the Board if appointed by the Governor.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mr. Fischer seconded a motion that the  
Election of Secretary be asked to cast a unanimous ballot for the election  
Chairman of Mrs. H. W. Holland as Chairman of the Juvenile Welfare Board. The motion carried and Mrs. Holland was elected.

Motion:  
Election of  
Secretary

Mrs. Harrison moved and Mr. Christian seconded a motion that the Board cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Mrs. John Strickland as Secretary of the Juvenile Welfare Board. The motion carried and Mrs. Strickland was elected as Secretary.

The Director reported on telephone conversations with the Chairman of the Pinellas County Budget Commission in regard to a supplemental budget for fiscal year 1956-57 and submitted a letter containing a resolution requesting the Budget Commission's approval for the use of excess cash carryover funds in more nearly meeting the needs of the Juvenile Welfare Board in Marriage and Family Counseling, Foster Home Care, and emergency needs in salaries for the Board and Clinic staff. The letter follows:

County Budget Commission  
Pinellas County  
Clearwater, Florida

Attention: Mr. Thomas L. Smith, Chairman

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is a follow-up on our telephone conversations on September 12 and October 9, in which I explained the situation in regard to the windfall in the form of unexpected reimbursements for foster care, our need for assurance of the salary of our marriage and family counselor and the prospect of emergency salary increases facing the Juvenile Welfare Board.

We have just closed our books and find that we have an excess/carryover funds in the amount of \$12,101.28 over what we anticipated in our budget for 1956-1957, the budget which the Budget Commission approved.

You will remember that we called attention at the budget hearing to the fact that we would probably need more funds in our foster care item than we were able to allocate and still stay within our budget. This excess carryover makes it possible for us to now allocate some additional funds to foster care, to marriage and family counseling, and to salary vacation and emergencies, an item which we were unable to include in our original budget for the beginning of this fiscal year in cash carryover.

At the meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board held in Clearwater on September 20, the Board approved a motion that a proper resolution be prepared by the Director for submission to the Budget Commission requesting transfer of excess carryover funds to the 1956-1957 Juvenile Welfare Board budget.

At its meeting on October 18, the Juvenile Welfare Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, tax receipts for 1955-1956 exceeded estimated returns by \$1,053.10, and

WHEREAS, reimbursements for foster care by parents and relatives and others exceeded the anticipated amount by approximately \$6,000, and

WHEREAS, temporary vacancies in the staff due to graduate study produced an unanticipated savings of some \$2,277.50, and

Whereas, homemaker service required \$2,600 less than anticipated, and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Welfare Board anticipates an increase in foster care costs for 1956-1957 over the amount allocated in the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Welfare Board does not feel assured of outside support of one member of its marriage and family counseling staff and believes a part of the excess funds should be allocated to this much-needed service, and

WHEREAS, there are indications that emergencies may arise in meeting salary adjustments of professional and clerical staff due to up-grading of staff by merit board and competition with new industries.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Juvenile Welfare Board request the Budget Commission to allocate from the excess carryover listed above the additional amounts in our 1956-1957 budget to the items listed below:

To foster care	\$5,000.00
To marriage and family counseling	5,180.00
To vacation help and emergencies	1,921.28

You explained that the Budget Commission would need to advertise a public meeting in advance of the meeting at which action could be taken on the Juvenile Welfare Board's request. I am sending you the information necessary for making the announcement.

Respectfully submitted,

JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

(signed) Herbert D. Williams  
Director

Motion:  
Resolution

Mrs. Holland moved and Mr. Fischer seconded a motion that the resolution submitted by the Director be approved for submission to the Budget Commission. The motion carried.

The Director reported on investigation of residential treatment centers for the care of emotionally maladjusted children and called attention to the need for a state residential and treatment unit, preferably in connection with the new medical center at the University of Florida, and the new treatment unit for delinquents being established at the Florida Industrial School at Marianna. Further investigation is continuing.

Judge Parks reported that delinquency in the county is low and that their statistics indicate no increase, but rather a decrease during the past year. He reported that the court is current with its cases and his counselors are now able to give much more time to counseling than heretofore.

The next meeting will be held on the third Thursday of November, November 15th, on regular schedule.

*Kathleen E. Strickland*  
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Secretary