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Minutes of January 10, 1952

Present were Mrs. Bartlett, Chairman, Mrs. Holland, Mr. Christian, Mr. Wick, Mrs. Meador, Mrs. Strickland, and Judge Gardiner. Also present was Dr. Williams, the Director.

The minutes of the November 29 meeting were read and approved as read.

Dr. Williams reported that Mr. Sauls and Mr. Cooperman both felt that special trustee funds received from outside contributions for special purposes would not need to be budgeted for the Budget Board, but that receipts and expenditures would need to be approved by the Juvenile Welfare Board and a careful record kept thereof.

Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion that expenditures covered by checks 2408-2472 in the General Operating Fund, by checks 244-256 in the School Counseling Fund, and by checks 1-4 in the Trustee Accounts Fund be approved for payment. This motion carried unanimously. After Dr. Williams had explained that check 2472 had been left blank until the Board decided upon the amount for membership in the Florida Conference of Social Welfare, Mr. Christian amended his motion to include that this amount be raised from ten to twenty dollars. The amended motion was seconded by Mrs. Holland and carried.

Dr. Voorhis and Mrs. Dame reported on the activities and program of the In-School Counseling Project, after passing out charts showing the relationships between the public schools and the social agencies. Dr. Voorhis gave two case studies illustrating the work of the In-School Counseling Project.

Mrs. Dame, in her report, emphasized the unique opportunity within the schools for the discovery and treatment of incipient and early maladjustments in children. She stated that this was, in her opinion, the one place where most of these problems could be discovered. She was also convinced of the greater ease of working with parents and children in a school setting than in a social agency or juvenile court setting. She gave some cases to illustrate what could be done. Throughout Mrs. Dame's report and in the comments of Dr. Williams which followed, emphasis was placed upon the need for understanding the emotional lives of children if they are to be properly motivated for improvement. The preventive aspects of the In-School Counseling Program were indicated over and over again.

Mr. Christian reported that he was very much pleased with the work done in the School Counseling Project and that principals and teachers all expressed their appreciation for help given. Mrs. Strickland raised a question regarding the difference between the functions of the In-School Counseling Service and the Child Guidance Clinic. The basic differences in terms of degree of seriousness of the problem, the screening function of the School Counseling Project, the provision of developments requiring the more specialized services of the Child Guidance Clinic, and the integration with the school program were pointed out as differentiating the two programs.

Mrs. Dame reported that she carried over to January, 21 treatment cases, 11 limited treatment cases, and 4 consultations cases. Dr. Voorhis carried over 17 treatment cases, 10 limited treatment cases, and 2 consultation cases, or a total of 65 cases, with 5 cases pending.

The Director gave the Board the number of days of foster care which were given for October and November as follows:

<u>October</u>		
<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Days Care</u>
Child Welfare Unit	34	852
Children's Service Bureau	10	310
	<u>44</u>	<u>1,162</u>
<u>November</u>		
Child Welfare Unit	33	935
Children's Service Bureau	10	300
	<u>43</u>	<u>1,235</u>

The Board decided to postpone consideration of the Activities Report for November until the next meeting.

Dr. Williams read a letter from the University of Tennessee requesting his services as a consultant in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis. He also read his reply which indicated that his time was pretty well filled up until after April. It was suggested that perhaps this service might be given next year but would hardly be possible this year.

Dr. Williams reported on the publicity received regarding the annual report. This included articles in daily and weekly papers throughout the county.

The Director presented a request for a leave of absence for Mrs. Dame for the purpose of attending the spring and summer quarters of the School of Social Work at Florida State University. After some discussion it was decided to leave the matter to the discretion of Dr. Williams and Mrs. Dame, subject to the securing of a properly qualified person to act in Mrs. Dame's place during the spring semester.

The Director was instructed to send out a letter of sympathy and condolence to Sheriff Tucker and Budget Board Chairman B. T. Sauls. Mrs. Holland moved and Judge Gardiner seconded a motion to that effect. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Williams reported on a recent trip to Georgia and pointed out the need he found for better coordination and integration of all services to children. By contrast, he said Pinellas County could be very proud of its development in this regard.

Mrs. Bartlett, Chairman of the Board, thanked Mr. Wick for his services on the Board and congratulated him on being the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. The Director was instructed to send a letter to Mr. Sidney Parry expressing the Board's pleasure in having him come on the Board as a member and telling him about the meeting dates.

The next meeting date was set for St. Petersburg on January 24 at 9:30 A. M. in the offices of the Board.

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