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Attending were Mrs. Bartlett, Chairman, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Meador, Mrs. Strickland, Mr. Parry, Judge Gardiner. Also attending Dr. Parr, Chairman of District #4 Welfare Board of the Department of Public Welfare, Mrs. Sylvia Carothers, Executive Secretary of the Florida Children's Commission, and Dr. Williams, Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

There being no corrections or objections, the minutes of the January 24 meeting were approved as submitted to the members of the Board by mail.

Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Meador seconded a motion that expenditures under General Operating Fund as covered by Checks 2489-2518, and under School Counseling Fund as covered by Checks 263-268, and Trustee Account Fund as covered by Check No. 5, be approved for payment. This motion carried unanimously.

The December Activities Report was discussed by members of the Board in some detail. The activities of the Child Guidance Clinic, the number of children referred by the court, and the school were brought up and discussed. Also receiving attention was the case of the "impossible" child now in foster home care through the services of the Children's Service Bureau, as compared with another boy who is being sent to Raiford. This last named boy grew up when the services available to the child now with the Children's Service Bureau were not a part of the county's child welfare program. Attention was also given to the excellent report of the Child Welfare Unit's study of a foster home which was reported in the December Activities Report.

Dr. Williams reported that 30 children were under the care of the Child Welfare Unit of the State Department of Public Welfare for a total of 876 days and that 10 children were cared for by the Children's Service Bureau for a total of 310 days during January.

Dr. Williams read letters addressed to the Children's Service Bureau and Child Guidance Clinic in regard to the establishment of a marriage and family counseling service in one or the other of these two agencies. These letters requested further information as to staff, costs, etc. of the establishment of such a program and suggestions as to where needed funds could be secured.

The Board agreed to hold the next meeting in St. Petersburg on February 28 at 10 A.M. instead of 9:30 A.M. The meeting then adjourned.

Kathleen Strickland