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Meeting of July 9, 1953

Held in Clearwater

Present were Mrs. Strickland, Chairman; Mrs. Helland, Secretary Pro Tem; Mrs. Harrison; Judge Gardiner; and Dr. Williams, Director.

There being no corrections, the minutes of the June 25 meeting were approved as mailed to the membership.

Motion: Expenditures

Mrs. Harrison moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion that expenditures as shown by checks Nos. 3168-3185 in the General Operating Account and checks Nos. 419 and 420 in the In-School Counseling Account be approved for payment. Motion carried.

This was followed by a discussion of the financial statements covering expenditures in the General Operating Account and the In-School Counseling Account for the period October 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953. The Director pointed out that expenditures other than salaries did not cover all of the expenses, as bills are received and paid the month following the purchases. In other words, the statement does not include expenses for June which will be billed and paid in July.

He also pointed out that action had not been taken approving the transfer agreed to by the Junior League of St. Petersburg from Psychological Services to Social Worker.

Motion: Transfer of funds

After some discussion, Mrs. Holland moved and Judge Gardiner seconded a motion that items in the In-School Counseling Budget under the headings "Social Worker" and "Psychological Services" be combined under the heading "Social and Psychological Services" and that an amount sufficient to cover the deficit in "Travel", $21.51, be transferred from "Office Expense" to "Travel." Motion carried.

The Director reported on the number of children in foster care. He said that 7 children were cared for by the Children's Service Bureau during the month of June at a total cost of $260.64 and that the Child Welfare Unit had 53 children for a total of 1555 days at a cost of $2676.60. This makes a total of 60 children in foster care during June in the two agencies.

Dr. Williams told about an abandoned child and the calls from people wishing to adopt the child. He also called attention to the article in the Independent last night, July 8, on adoption.

Dr. Williams reported on the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pinellas County Medical Society in regard to organizing medical services for dependent children in Pinellas County. This discussion led to the suggestion by the Medical Society and the Director that regularly scheduled clinics be established in various parts of the County to which social agencies could refer dependent children for examination and treatment. The Juvenile Welfare Board expressed its approval of the idea.
Motion: Medical Clinics for Dependent Children

Mrs. Harrison moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion that the Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board and Judge Gardiner contact the Board of County Commissioners and the Budget Board recommending that a minimum of four weekly clinics be established in various parts of the County, the locations of the clinics to be determined by a survey of the location of dependent children in need of medical services, and that the County provide $25 for each two hour clinic with an additional allowance for medicine. The Juvenile Welfare Board recommends $5,000 for 200 medical clinics during the fiscal year and $2,000 for medicine to be dispensed by the clinic physicians in cooperation with the Public Health Department of the County. The motion carried.

The Director reported on cases from the In-School Counseling Service and from the marriage counseling service.

A letter from Mrs. Lillian Bright in response to our letter of appreciation for her service to one of the children was read.

The Director distributed reports of the Pupil Welfare Department of the Board of Public Instruction.

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Mrs. H. W. Holland
Secretary Pro Tem