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Meeting of January 13, 1955

Held in Clearwater

The regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board was held in Clearwater on January 13, 1955

Present: Mrs. Baya Harrison, Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson, Secretary, pro tem; Mr. Charles R. Fischer, Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; Judge William G. Gardiner, of the Juvenile Court; and the Director, Dr. Herbert D. Williams.

The minutes of the December 16, 1954 meeting were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Motion: Mrs. Jackson moved and Judge Gardiner seconded a motion to
Expenditures approve expenditures as listed under checks #3817 through #3848 in the General Operating Account and #480 through #484 in the In-School Counseling Account. The motion carried.

There was a discussion of the financial reports for December showing that foster care costs were running very close to the budget allocation. It was pointed out that foster care is an unpredictable item in that children must be cared for when abandoned or when some other emergency arises. The number and distribution of such cases cannot be foreseen. During the first three months of the fiscal year, voluntary payments by parents and relatives and other groups together with amounts collected by the court amounted to \$1,287.01. These reimbursements made it possible to operate within the budget but the balance of \$161.35 at the end of December leaves no cushion for emergencies.

In December, the Children's Service Bureau and the Child Welfare Unit cared for, and were reimbursed in whole or in part by the Juvenile Welfare Board for, 64 children in foster care. The total amount spent by the Juvenile Welfare Board in the first three months, as indicated above, was less than the total foster care because of the reimbursements.

The Director reported that a letter had been sent to Mr. Petersen regarding the legislative hearing and that Mr. Cooperman had promised to prepare legislation in connection with the needed revisions in the Juvenile Welfare Board Act.

The Director also reported that Mr. Al Block had promised to address a meeting on mental health if sufficient interest was manifested by this area.

A letter from the Board of County Commissioners was read by Dr. Williams. This letter requested the appointment of a board member to represent the Juvenile Welfare Board in a study to be undertaken for the purpose of establishing census tracts.

Motion: Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that
Mrs. Holland to represent Board in Mrs. H. W. Holland, because of her long experience on the Board and her knowledge of the needs in the county, be selected
 census tracts study. as the representative for the Juvenile Welfare Board. The
 motion carried.

There was a discussion of the possible use of savings in salary while Mr. Rivkind is doing graduate work on a leave of absence and a replacement takes over in his position. The Child Guidance Clinic has requested that this be allocated as a general item for the Clinic. The Board suggested that the Director confer with Mr. Shaw, County Comptroller, regarding this possibility.

There was a discussion of the need for additional help in marriage and family counseling and the Director stated that it would be possible to obtain the part-time services of Mrs. Dame if an allocation of funds can be made for this purpose. The Board expressed its hope that such an arrangement could be made and suggested that the Director confer with Mr. Shaw and budget authorities regarding the possibility of making this arrangement. He is to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Motion: Judge Gardiner moved that support of the two Hall children on a partial payment basis of \$5.00 a week each, with a report back to the Board within sixty days, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fischer and carried.

The Director reported on the adjustment of Sandra Shelton who is now married and has a child. She was one of the serious problems with whom the Board worked through Mrs. Dame.

The Board discussed the activities reports for November.

Mr. Fischer brought regrets from Mr. Sidney S. Parry that he could not attend this Board meeting on account of illness. After some discussion,

Motion: Judge Gardiner moved that recognition be given to Mr. Parry for his splendid services over the past two years as Secretary of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jackson and carried. The recognition is to take the form of a Certificate of Merit to be presented to Mr. Parry at a Board meeting in the near future.

Motion: Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that Mr. Charles R. Fischer, Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, be authorized to use his signature of office and to sign checks for the Juvenile Welfare Board. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until the fourth Thursday in January, January 27, 1955.

Elizabeth Skinner Jackson

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Secretary pro tem