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Meeting of October 16, 1957

Held in Clearwater

PRESENT: Mrs. H. W. Holland, Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Acting Secretary; Mr. Evan R. Jenkins; Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr.; also present, Dr. Herbert D. Williams, Director and Mrs. Mabel Becker, Homemaker.

The minutes of the Juvenile Welfare Board meeting held on September 18, 1957 were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Motion: Expenditures for September 30 and October 15, 1957 as listed on  
Expenditures checks #5147 through #5193 in the General Operating Account and check #60 in the Trustee Account were approved for payment. Mr. Jenkins moved the approval which was seconded by Judge Parks and which carried.

The budget and financial reports for September and for the fiscal year 1956-57 were discussed and accepted as was the report for the fiscal year 1956-57 of the Trustee Account. Judge Parks was commended in this connection for his part in collections made for the support of children under the care of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The report on the number of children in foster care for September and the fiscal years 1955-56 and 1956-57 was reviewed and comparisons made between the two years, which showed an increase in the number of children under care from 133 in 1955-56 to 255 in 1956-57. This report also showed that the number of days of care had increased from 28,686 in 1955-56 to 32,180 in 1956-57. Collections and contributions toward the support of the children had also increased from \$10,010.93 in 1955-56 to \$15,891.46 in 1956-57. The total cost to the Juvenile Welfare Board for foster care of children had also increased from \$44,834.28 to \$52,706.82. The increase would have been much greater except for the additional \$5,881, approximately, which came in in the form of contributions from parents and relatives and collections from parents and relatives by the Juvenile Court.

A report from the Child Welfare Unit on Wanda Marie Marie Finney stated that the mother of Wanda had disappeared, leaving her other three children with the grandmother who is now getting ADC for their support, and her whereabouts are unknown. It was agreed that the Child Welfare Unit should continue to take care of Wanda Marie until efforts now being made to get her into Sunland Training Center for defectives are achieved.

Financial report on Homemaker Service for the fiscal year showed that the total cost for the year was \$1,748.12. Reimbursements from recipients of the service amounted to \$499.75, which made the cost to the Juvenile Welfare Board \$1,248.37. This compares with a total cost of Homemaker Service for 1955-56 of \$951.38.

Mrs. Becker, one of our homemakers, gave a very interesting, instructive, and amusing report of the situations encountered by homemakers and of the problems involving children to be found in families needing Homemaker Service. She stated that the average number of children in the families served was six, and ran anywhere from three to nine. She expressed the satisfaction which comes from rendering this service and the appreciation of the, usually young, parents who find themselves in emergency conditions which they are unable to meet without assistance of the homemaker.

Motion:  
Employment  
of one extra  
homemaker

After some discussion, Mrs. Harrison moved and Mr. Jenkins seconded a motion, which carried, that the Juvenile Welfare Board employ one extra full-time homemaker in addition to Mrs. Becker and that mileage to and from homes in service be paid by the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Motion:  
Attendance of  
Dr. Finck,  
Mrs. Terrill  
and Director  
at Meeting.

Mr. Jenkins moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion that approval be granted for the attendance of Dr. Finck and Mrs. Terrill at the meeting of the Florida Association for Children Under Six, with expenses paid by the Juvenile Welfare Board, and that the Director's attendance at the special committee meeting under the auspices of the Florida Children's Commission also be approved. The motion carried.

A summary of the activities of the Director and marriage and family counselors was given in a report by the Director.

The election of officers was postponed until the November meeting.

Judge Parks reported on Juvenile Court activities and stated that there had been no increase in the number or the severity of the problems insofar as the referrals to the Juvenile Court were concerned; and he gave a complete and interesting report on the number and kind of children who are coming to the attention of the Court, the source of those children, and the kinds of problems which brought them to the Court.

Activities reports were submitted to the members present and will be sent to those not present prior to the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on the third Wednesday of November, which is November 20 at 9:30 A.M.

*Virginia D. Harrison*

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Secretary pro tem