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Meeting in Clearwater
June 2, 1966

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Glen Keys, Secretary; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Juvenile Judge William A. Patterson; and County Commissioner Robert L. Weatherly. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mrs. Elouise Irwin, Director District I, State Department of Public Welfare; Mr. Theodore Hanscom and Mr. Cleo Griffin, Supervisors, Child Welfare Division, State Department of Public Welfare.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the May 5 meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for May
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for May: Checks #810 through #816 dated May 31, 1966; and Checks #818 through #845 dated June 2, 1966.

MOTION
Approval of Salary Checks for June and July
Judge Patterson moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for June and July 1966 on condition of completion of satisfactory service. Dr. Finck announced that Mrs. Dame would work half-time during June and July and that Mrs. Mayos would work full-time during this same period.

The financial report and statement for May, 1966, were reviewed by the Board.

The report of children in foster care for April, 1966, was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck read from the report on Judith and Barbara Johnson, sisters continued in foster care beyond their 17th birthday.

MOTION
Continued Foster Care for James Groves
Mr. Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve continued foster care for James Groves so long as he remains in school and with the provision that a report back be made in six months.

The general subject of financing foster care was discussed at length by the Juvenile Welfare Board. Commissioner Weatherly felt that the State of Florida should take greater financial responsibility for the cost of foster care.

MOTION
Legislature to Change Formula for Foster Care Allocations
Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, to contact the State Department of Public Welfare for information about the State formula for apportioning foster care costs and to proceed with discussing with the Juvenile Welfare Board attorney or the legal department of the County a bill to require that the basis for apportioning costs be changed from school attendance to actual case loads.

The United States Senate Bill #2951 was discussed by the Board and its effects on foster care in Pinellas County were considered. The bill would provide for Federal funds matching 40% of the cost of foster care up to $90.00 a month and 75% of all administrative costs.
MOTION
Approval of United States Senate Bill #2951
Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, authorizing the Director to write to the Florida Senators and to Congressman Cramer, endorsing and supporting the provisions of Senate Bill #2951.

The 1966-67 budget of the Juvenile Welfare Board was discussed and the requests of the State Department of Public Welfare to use foster care funds to purchase medical, psychological, and psychiatric services for diagnosis and consultation was considered.

MOTION
Deferring of State Department Requests
Commissioner Weatherly suggested that Mr. Joseph Ems, Director of the Department of Social Services for the County, be invited to the August meeting.

MOTION
Transfer of Salary Funds for Child Guidance Clinic
Judge Patterson moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to defer until the August meeting consideration of the request of the State Department to use foster care funds for these special services.

Dr. Finck explained the additional cost to the Juvenile Welfare Board for social security and retirement beginning July 1, 1967. This quarter's cost would amount to $1,731.10 and the cost for the year 1967-68 would be four times as great.

MOTION
Approval of 1966-1967 Budget
The Board approved the draft of a letter by Dr. Finck to agencies supported in whole or in part by Juvenile Welfare Board funds.

MOTION
Designation of Acting Director
Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to designate Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame as Acting Director during Dr. Finck's absence from June 21 to August 1.

MOTION
Approval of Purchase of Adding Machine
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the purchase of a new adding machine at a cost of $124.00 less 10% and $10.00 trade-in allowance.

Dr. Finck reported on the activities of the Herbert D. Williams Memorial Committee. Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame, Chairman, has planned a workshop for the staff of the County Welfare Department and State Welfare Departments, without professional training. This Workshop in Casework has been led by Mrs. Beatrice S. Reiner of the Juvenile Welfare Board staff.

Dr. Finck showed Board members newspaper reports on the article written by the staff for the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry. Reprints were distributed to the members of the Board. Requests for these reprints have been received from all parts of this country and from England and Czechoslovakia.
Dr. Finck read a letter from a former client telling how much he appreciated the marriage counseling services of Mr. Smith during 1962.

The Activities Reports for the month of May were reviewed by the Board.

Since there was no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, August 4th, in the County Office Building, Clearwater.

Mrs. Glen Keys
Secretary