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Meeting in Clearwater
December 3, 1964

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., who acted as Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Secretary; Mrs. Glen Keys; and Superintendent of Public Instruction Floyd T. Christian. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mrs. Anna France, Director, Gulf Coast Division, Children's Home Society of Florida.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes of November 5 meeting

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the November 5 meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for November

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for November: checks #9878 through #9901.

MOTION
Approval of Salary Checks for December

Mrs. Keys moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for December on the condition of the completion of satisfactory service.

The financial report and financial statement for the month of November were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck explained that the Child Welfare Unit was beginning to employ persons for the new Protective Unit which would go into full operation on January 1, 1965. The report of children in foster care for October 1964 was also discussed by the Board. Dr. Finck pointed out that current expenditures were $1,868.41 more than the monthly budgetary allocation, and that it would be necessary in the near future to apply to the Board of County Commissioners for the return of the contingency funds which had been deleted from the Juvenile Welfare Board budget.

Dr. Finck reported on the interest of Hillsborough County in a law similar to the Juvenile Welfare Board Act. Following the newspaper article in the St. Petersburg Times of November 8, 1964, reprinting the article in Crime and Delinquency, Mr. Deane Bishop of the Hillsborough Juvenile Court wrote Dr. Finck for the information about the Juvenile Welfare Board Act and the Board’s report. When Dr. Finck offered to meet with persons from Hillsborough County, he was invited to attend a meeting on November 18, and to speak with a group composed of the two Juvenile Court Judges, Representative de la Parte, the Attorney for the legislative delegation, and a number of executives from social agencies. Mr. de la Parte also expressed interest in a law which would permit other counties to set up organizations similar to the Juvenile Welfare Board Act.

Dr. Finck reported on his activities as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Suncoast Progress, Inc. He said that a grant of $63,000 had been made by the Federal Government, and that this would be matched by $7,000 in local funds. The use of this money depended upon the approval by Governor Bryant. Mr. Christian also commented on the wide-reaching effects of this Economic Opportunities Act and told of some of the possibilities that could be utilized according to this legislation.

Dr. Finck announced that he had been appointed by Governor Farris Bryant to the Study Committee for the Florida Children’s Commission. Senator Hollaran, who is the Chairman of this Committee, has called a meeting in Tampa for December 15.
MOTION

Permission for Mr. Smith to Teach a Marriage and Family Course

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to permit Mr. Brady Smith to teach the Marriage and Family course in the Evening Division for St. Petersburg Junior College.

Dr. Finck announced that Mrs. Beatrice Reiner of the staff would be giving an Institute on Character Disorders for the National Association of Social Workers in Knoxville, Tennessee, April 30 and May 1, 1965.

Dr. Finck introduced Mrs. Anna France, Director of Gulf Coast Division, Children's Home Society, who spoke to the Board about her observations of children's villages in Germany and Austria during the past summer. Mrs. France felt that these homes for 8 children and a foster mother in villages comprising about 15 houses afforded excellent substitute care for these children. She stated that it seems possible that in the future we will need to supplement our foster home program through the flexible use of small group homes or modified institutions of this sort.

The activities reports for November were reviewed by the Board.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held on Thursday, January 7, 1965, in the County Office Building in Clearwater.

Virginia Harrison
Secretary