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Meeting in Clearwater  
February 1, 1962

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Gus Sakkis, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; County Commissioner John W. Bonsey; and Superintendent of Public Instruction Floyd T. Christian. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Mrs. Beatrice Simcox Reiner, Marriage and Family Counselor.

The minutes of the January 4th meeting were approved as distributed.

MOTION  
Approval of Checks

Mr. Christian moved, and Commissioner Bonsey seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: checks #8150 through #8152 dated January 4; check #8153 through #8184 dated January 15; checks #8185 through #8219 dated January 31; and checks #8220 and #8221 dated February 1, 1962.

The financial reports for the month of January were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck reported the investment of tax funds as follows: \$30,000 for nine months; \$60,000 for six months; and \$30,000 for three months. The first two investments would carry  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  interest and the three months investment would be at 2% interest.

MOTION  
Change of Depository

Mr. Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to change the depository for the checking account of Juvenile Welfare Board from the Bank of Clearwater to the Central Plaza Bank of St. Petersburg.

The report of children in foster care for the month of December was reviewed by the Board.

MOTION  
Approval of Extended Foster Care for Ralph Edmiston

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the recommendation for extending foster care to Ralph Edmiston for three months beyond the age of 17 in order that plans might be made for his employment.

MOTION  
Expenditure from Trust Funds

Mrs. Holland moved, and Commissioner Bonsey seconded a motion which carried, to pay the sum of \$5.00 from Trust Funds for flowers sent to Mr. Rosito, a deceased foster parent.

MOTION  
Payment of Medical and Transportation Expenses for Dennis Stevens

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, that expenses for Dennis Stevens for wheel chair and transportation be made from the regular funds of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

MOTION  
Appointment of Mrs. Harrison to the Child Guidance Clinic Board

Mr. Christian moved, and Mr. Bonsey seconded a motion which carried, to approve the appointment of Mrs. Baya Harrison as a designated member of the Child Guidance Clinic Board from the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Dr. Finck read a letter from the Junior League of St. Petersburg expressing appreciation for the services of Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame in their provisional training course. Dr. Finck reported that he had been appointed to the Charitable Solicitation Board of St. Petersburg as a representative of the Community Welfare Council.

Dr. Finck announced that the staff of the Juvenile Welfare Board for the second year has received an award from the United Fund for distinguished citizenship. Mr. Christian will accept this award on behalf of the Juvenile Welfare Board at the United Fund dinner on February 6.

Dr. Finck stated that the present coverage under the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plan was considered to be inadequate for staff members who faced medical, hospital and surgical bills. He read a letter from the Blue Cross Branch Manager, Mr. Bolin, who stated that the only possibility for extending this plan would be if the Board were to pay the sum of \$4.58 per month for an employee to secure extended benefits. Following a discussion of this problem, Dr. Finck was authorized to write to the Board of County Commissioners to express the Juvenile Welfare Board's concern about this problem and to request the County Commission to try to work out plans to extend the Blue Cross-Blue Shield coverage for all County employees.

MOTION

Payment of Expenses for Staff to attend the Florida Conference of Social Welfare, Orlando, Florida on March 19 through 21

Mr. Bonsey moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to pay the expenses of all members of the Marriage and Family Counseling Staff attending the Florida Conference of Social Welfare at Orlando, March 19 through 21, 1962.

Mrs. Beatrice Simcox Reiner, Marriage and Family Counselor of the Juvenile Welfare Board staff, spoke to the Board about her experience in working with the agency since last August. She described the composition of the families she has worked with. She gave a brief account of three cases in order that the Board members might have some idea of the special problems encountered in the course of her work with clients. A discussion of Mrs. Reiner's talk followed.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, March 1, 1962.

*Marie Sakkis*

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Secretary