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Meeting in Clearwater

August 1, 1963

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, who acted as Secretary; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Floyd T. Christian; and Judge William A. Patterson. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Miss Ruth Jefferson, Executive Secretary, Pinellas County License Board for Children’s Centers and Family Day Care Homes. Dr. Coleman welcomed Judge Patterson as a new member of the Board.

The minutes of the June 6th meeting were approved as distributed.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the June 6 meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Checks as Listed
Mr. Christian moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: Checks #8937 through #8976 dated June 30; checks #8977 through #9025 dated July 31; two withdrawals from Trust Funds dated June 30, 1963.

The financial reports for the months of June and July were discussed by the Board.

Dr. Finck reported that checks in an amount totaling $439.38 had been received as a salary refund to the Board under the Major Medical policy for sick leave paid to him.

The reports of children in foster care for the months of May and June were considered by the Board. Dr. Finck read a report from the Child Welfare Unit on Lance Thurlow, a child in foster care whose extended education the Board had approved.

MOTION
Extended Foster Care for Michael Peters
Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of foster care for Michael Peters up to $50.00 a month in order that he may attend the Bob Jones Academy in Greeneville, South Carolina. Mr. Christian suggested that all future recommendations in regard to extended foster care include recommendations from the schools.

Dr. Finck reported on the meeting of the National Institute on Crime and Delinquency, which he attended in Miami, in June. He told the Board that Mr. Ydebo of the Copenhagen Directorate of Child and Youth Welfare had requested permission to reprint the paper, "What is Delinquency Prevention", in the Danish Magazine, Børnesagens Tidende. Dr. Finck also reported on his attendance at the nominating committee of the National Association of Social Workers in New York City, June 26 – 30. Dr. Finck announced that Mrs. Beatrice Reiner, Marriage and Family Counselor, would be giving an Institute at the University of North Carolina for the Department of Psychiatry and the School of Social Work.

Dr. Finck discussed the recent legislative action in establishing an adoption law to permit the State Department of Public Welfare to do adoptions. He stated that until such time as this service was fully operative and the present children all placed, the Juvenile Welfare Board would need to be financially responsible for the foster care of these children.

MOTION
Transfer of Funds
Mr. Christian moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, to transfer $2,500 from the Contingency account to Family and Children’s Service for the foster care of children hard to place for adoption.
Dr. Finck reported also on the legislative provisions for the residential treatment of emotionally disturbed children. He stated that the main emphasis of a new facility at Gainesville would be on research and treatment, which would mean that there would remain a number of children in need of treatment who would not be cared for. The case of Kenneth Tabb was discussed by the Board and it was felt that more information would need to be secured before the Board could take action in appropriating funds for his treatment.

MOTION
Residential Treatment for Kenneth Tabb
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, to defer action on the request by the Child Welfare Unit for funds for the residential treatment of Kenneth Tabb.

Dr. Finck reported on the current situation in the Child Guidance Clinic and stated that because of budget commission action the State Board of Health funds, totaling $6,600 per year, would not be available for the payment of Dr. Free's salary. He read a letter from the Child Guidance Clinic, stating that they would, therefore, need to use almost all of the $1,200 allocated for Dr. Free's salary until October 1. The Clinic will have enough funds to pay Dr. Free's salary until January 1, 1964.

Dr. Finck reported that the proposed study of the merger of the Child Guidance Clinic, Adult Mental Health Clinic, and the South Pinellas Mental Health Chapter was discussed by the Board. The Budgets and Admissions Committee of the United Fund of South Pinellas had recommended that this be done. An opinion had been secured from Mr. Leonard Cooperman regarding the Board's legal position in the event this merger was effected.

MOTION
Child Guidance Clinic
Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, that a letter be sent to Mr. David G. Orrell, Executive Director of the United Fund of South Pinellas County, explaining the situation and enclosing a copy of Mr. Cooperman's letter.

Dr. Finck reported on the Social Work course that he taught at the Florida Presbyterian College during the past Spring semester. He stated that agencies were cooperating with the college in setting up a plan for students to have an opportunity for observation and limited participation in social agencies during the coming year.

MOTION
Social Work Students
Mr. Christian moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, that the Board approve the participation of a student in the Juvenile Welfare Board activities to be defined by the staff if such placement should be needed.

Miss Ruth Jefferson reported on the activities of the License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes during the past year. There was considerable discussion of the interesting information which she presented. The activities reports for June and July were distributed to the Board.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held Thursday, September 5, in the County Office Building in Clearwater.

Virginia Harrison
Acting Secretary