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Meeting in Clearwater

September 5, 1963

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Sus Sakkis, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; County Commissioner, A. L. Anderson; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Floyd T. Christian; and Judge William A. Patterson. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Richard M. Free, M.D., Psychologist-director; and Mrs. Dorothy B. Brodie, Chief Psychologist, Child Guidance Clinic.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes of August 1 Meeting

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the August 1 meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Checks as Listed

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: Check #9026 dated July 31; check #9027 dated August 1; and checks #9028 through #9068 dated August 30, 1963.

The financial reports for the month of August were discussed by the Board. The Board also reviewed the report of children in foster care for the month of July. Dr. Finck reported that when expenditures for unmarried mothers and housekeeper service from State funds were considered, the total number of children in care paid for from State and local funds had remained relatively constant throughout the past year. Dr. Finck reported that the State Department of Public Welfare has been able to secure Federal funds for the residential treatment of Kenneth Tabb at Brown Schools. Dr. Finck also reported that David Scott, for whom the Board had approved extended foster care, had enlisted in the Armed Services.

MOTION
Special Foster Care for Janice Blackshire

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve board payments of $75.00 a month for Janice Blackshire at the Young Women's Club in Orlando. It was requested that a report be made in February for both Janice and her sister Wanda who live in this residence.

MOTION
Extended Foster Care for Joseph Richardson

Mr. Christian moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, to approve foster care for Joseph Richardson beyond his 17th birthday in order that he might continue attending school. This foster care will continue throughout the present academic year.

MOTION
Employment of Third Social Worker from Juvenile Welfare Board Funds

Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the appointment of the third social worker for the Child Welfare Unit at this time instead of waiting for the October 1 budget.

MOTION
Special Board Arrangements for Stephen Sparrow

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve board payments of $75.00 a month for Stephen Sparrow at the Lullabye Nursery until such time as he can be admitted to the Sunland Training Center.

MOTION
Employment of Mrs. Ruth J. Mayos

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the half-time employment of Mrs. Ruth J. Mayos as marriage and family counselor effective October 1, 1963, at a salary of $3,500 per year.
Dr. Finck reported on a visit of Mr. Willard M. Green, Regional Consultant of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Judge Patterson and Dr. Finck stated that Mr. Green is interested in the possible formation of a citizen's action committee for the State of Florida, and suggestions were requested from the Board members as to possible persons from this area who might serve on such a committee.

Dr. Finck reported that Mrs. Constance Foster, a writer from Parents' Magazine, had met with him to discuss the possible article. Dr. Finck read the résumé which Mrs. Foster had prepared for submission to Parents' Magazine in order that they might decide whether such an article as this could be accepted.

Dr. Finck reported that the Mental Health Committee of the Community Welfare Council had met twice to discuss the request of the United Fund for a study of mental health agencies. Dr. Finck read his letter to Mr. Orrell and also the reply of Mr. Oscar Kreutz, President of the United Fund, to Dr. Coleman.

Dr. Richard M. Free, Psychiatrist-director of the Child Guidance Clinic, spoke briefly to the Board about the work of the Child Guidance Clinic.

The activities reports for the month of August were reviewed.

MOTION
A Letter of Sympathy to Mrs. Dame

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, that the Chairman write a letter expressing the Board's sympathy to Mrs. Dame, marriage and family counselor, in regard to the recent sudden death of her husband.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held Thursday, October 3, in the County Office Building in Clearwater.

Marie Sakkis
Secretary