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MEETING September 3, 1959
Held in Clearwater

PRESENT: The Rev. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mr. Floyd Christian; and Mr. Charles Fischer. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director.

The minutes of the July 2 meeting were approved as presented.

MOTION
Expenditures
Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which passed, to approve the expenditures listed on checks #6319, dated July 2, 1959; #6320 through #6340 dated July 15, 1959; #6341 through #6368 dated July 31, 1959; #6369 dated August 3, 1959; #6370 through #6394 dated August 15, 1959; and #6395 through #6422 dated August 31, 1959.

The financial statements for the months of July and August were reviewed by the Board. The Board also reviewed the report of children in foster care for the months of June and July, 1959. Dr. Finck reported that there were at present three vacancies on the staff of the Child Welfare Unit, and that the State Department of Public Welfare was experiencing great difficulty in filling these positions, which require a year's professional training in a school of social work, at a starting salary of $3,960.00 a year. This salary is then frozen for a two year period. The workers must furnish their own cars for this job.

MOTION
Transfer of Funds
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the transfer of $289.38 to Salaries and $182.00 to Rent from Other Services and Emergencies. These transfers were necessary to carry out expenditures previously authorized by the Board.

Dr. Finck reported that the State Auditor had reviewed the accounts of the Juvenile Welfare Board for the years ending September 30, 1956, 1957 and 1958. The accounts were found to be in good order, and Dr. Finck reported that several constructive suggestions by the auditor had been put into practice.

MOTION
Appointment of Mrs. Gerdeman
Dr. Finck announced that Mrs. Beatrice Gerdeman had been appointed to the position of Chief Homemaker at a salary of $2,600.00 a year. Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion which carried to confirm the appointment of Mrs. Gerdeman.

Dr. Finck announced that, according to newspaper reports, Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Holland had been reappointed to the Juvenile Welfare Board by Governor Collins.

Dr. Finck reported that John Broadnax, whose expenses at the Brown Schools had been authorized by the Board in July, was admitted there on August 18. The basic cost of his treatment would be $280.00 a month, plus $100.00 a month for special therapy, which the Brown Schools felt would be necessary for the first few months.

MOTION
Foster Care for Tyrone Johnson
Dr. Finck explained the basis on which Tyrone Johnson would be continuing his education at Gibbs Junior College. Mr. Christian moved, and Mr. Fischer seconded a motion which carried, to approve payment of foster care for Tyrone Johnson, so long as he is in Gibbs Junior College and is making satisfactory grades.
Dr. Finck reported on the planning session for the White House Conference, which was held in Tallahassee on August 17. He also announced that a special report of the development of the school social work program had been prepared for the White House Conference. An account of some of the special programs of the Juvenile Welfare Board is also being submitted to the Children's Commission as a part of Florida's report of the significant programs for children in the past decade.

MOTION

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, that expenses be paid for Dr. Finck to attend a second planning session in Tallahassee on October 1st and 2nd.

Dr. Finck reported that the Juvenile Welfare Board's Eleventh Annual Report had been mentioned twice in an article in the National Probation and Parole Journal for July, 1959. This article reviewed 166 reports from local, state, national and international organizations, and mentioned the Juvenile Welfare Board's participation in the study of the emotionally disturbed child in the public schools, and our cooperation with other agencies in the Multi-ProBLEM Family Committee of the Community Welfare Council.

Dr. Finck reported on his participation in the plan to set up the Junior Deputies Association. He reported on the meeting of the Times Suncoast Civic Workshop where the plans Sheriff Genung was proposing for this project were discussed.

Dr. Finck requested the members of the Board to return to the Florida Children's Commission the questionnaires, which would become a part of Florida's report to the White House Conference.

The activities reports for the months of July and August were reviewed.

The Rev. Mr. Coleman requested that the Director report at the October meeting on the current status of marriage counseling cases and on the pressure of work so that it could be determined whether and when the vacant position for a marriage counselor should be filled.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be on Thursday, October 1, 1959.

Mrs. John Strickland
Secretary