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Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting: 1959: 10 : 01 : Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
Meeting held in Clearwater
October 1, 1959

PRESENT: The Rev. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mrs. H. W. Holland; County Commissioner Charles R. Fischer; and Juvenile Court Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director, and Mrs. Nenabelle Dark, Marriage and Family Counselor.

The minutes of the September 3 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mrs. Holland, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, and passed.

MOTION
Expenditures

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion which passed, to approve the expenditures listed on checks #6423 through #6425 dated September 3, 1959; #6426 through #6435 dated September 15, 1959; #6456 dated September 15, 1959, to replace #6438; #6457 through #6489 dated September 30, 1959.

The financial statements for the month of September, which are tentative for the fiscal year, were reviewed by the Board. The report of children in foster care for August, 1959, was also reviewed by the Board. There was further discussion about the effect of the staff vacancies in the Child Welfare Unit on the foster home program.

MOTION
Election of Board Chairman and Secretary

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried that the Rev. Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., be reelected for another term as Chairman of the Board and Mrs. John Strickland be reelected Secretary.

Dr. Finck announced that $16,000.00 in carry-over funds had been invested in 300 day government notes at an interest rate which would yield 4.79 percent.

Dr. Finck reported on the case of John Broadnax. John was admitted to the Brown Schools of Austin, Texas, on August 18, and it was recently learned that he was being sent back to Pinellas County by the Brown Schools. The report stated that John had been involved in two runaways and in the stealing of several cars. The Brown Schools stated that, because of their insurance liabilities, they would not be able to keep him there. John is temporarily in a foster home in Pinellas County pending study by the Child Welfare Unit and the Juvenile Court.

MOTION
Transfer of Funds within Child Guidance Clinic Budget

Dr. Finck announced that Miss Carmen Roccacforte had resigned as Psychiatric Social Worker at the Child Guidance Clinic. She had been replaced on a part time basis by Miss Elizabeth Tull, who beginning September 15 was receiving a salary of $100.00 a month. Because of Miss Roccacforte's vacation leave there were not sufficient funds in that particular salary item for Miss Tull's salary, although there were in the total Child Guidance Clinic budget. Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Fischer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the necessary transfer of funds within the Child Guidance Clinic budget to pay Miss Tull's salary.

Dr. Finck announced that the City of St. Petersburg was competing for the All America Cities Award. St. Petersburg was basing its claim on coordinated services to children and youth. In the preparation of the application the Chamber of Commerce consulted Dr. Williams and Dr. Finck about details of services for children and youth. Dr. Finck also attended a Chamber of Commerce Committee Meeting to discuss the application.
It was also announced by Dr. Finck that he had received a letter from Mr. 0. K. Armstrong, a staff writer on the Reader's Digest. Dr. Finck invited Mr. Armstrong to come to a future meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board in order that he might have the material for an article on the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Dr. Finck reported on requests for marriage counseling at St. Petersburg and Clearwater. An information sheet which the staff has been using was also presented to the Board. Mrs. Dame gave a brief account of the many requests that she is receiving for her services.

**MOTION**

Approval of Temporary Marriage and Family Counseling Staff

Judge Parks moved, and Mr. Fischer seconded a motion which carried, that the Juvenile Welfare Board seek to employ on a temporary basis Dr. Herbert D. Williams or some other qualified person until a permanent replacement can be secured on the marriage and family counseling staff.

**MOTION**

Approval of Initial Salary for Marriage and Family Counseling

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to offer an initial salary of $6,500.00 to $7,000.00 to a trained and qualified social worker who would be employed as a Marriage and Family Counselor.

**MOTION**

Approval of Publication Costs in Adoption Case of Vicky Curls

Mr. Fischer moved, and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion which carried, to approve payment of publication costs in the adoption case of Vicky Curls, a child in foster care.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be on Thursday, November 5, 1959.

Mrs. John Strickland
Secretary