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Minutes of Meeting - Juvenile Welfare Board - July 15, 1948

The Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County met July 15, 1948 at 9:45 A. M. at the Court House in Clearwater, with Mrs. Holland, Miss Phillips, Judge Marshall, Mrs. Bartlett, Dr. Williams and Mr. Rogero present.

The minutes of June 10 and June 24 were read and approved.

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Bartlett that bills amounting to $81.11 be paid. Miss Phillips seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Marshall initiated discussion on Mr. Rogero's request for financial aid on his visits to outstanding juvenile courts in the north and east. It was felt that since Mr. Rogero was making the tour during his vacation, he should be subsidized. Therefore, Judge Marshall moved that Mr. Rogero be given three weeks' vacation and leave of absence with pay and $150.00 on his expenses, on condition the same be used for Mr. Rogero's trip for visiting and studying selected juvenile courts; and further, that he make a written report with desired recommendations to the Board upon his return. Miss Phillips seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Because of misunderstandings concerning functions and responsibilities of all welfare agencies in the county, Dr. Williams suggested the Board meet with representatives of agencies to clarify the duties of each. It was felt after discussion that some policy should be made (1) regarding transportation back home for runaways, since it is not clear that there are services for such, as in the case of Don Weatherhill from Albuquerque; and (2) for emergency care for family groups, as in the recent confusion in the Miller case, where the children were separated from the mother.

A letter from Mr. Ray Green and resolutions from the County Commissioners were read, asking that the Juvenile Home be made available for any emergency for any juvenile. Judge Marshall suggested a letter be written to the County Commissioners stating that their resolutions had been considered, but that it was felt necessary to have a consultation with representatives of other agencies and the County Commissioners in order to clarify duties, etc., before answering in detail; and further, that the Board would take the initiative in arranging this meeting in the next week.

Dr. Williams read a report from Mrs. Ripper on the Child Welfare Unit, stating that one worker had been hired and had begun work on June 10; that fifteen dependent children with the Children's Service Bureau had been studied and six had been selected as a caseload; that two licensed homes had been transferred to the Unit; that nine applications, eight of them for white children, for shelter homes, had been received.

Dr. Williams also read a report from the Child Guidance Clinic giving their activities to date.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 P. M.