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Meeting in Clearwater

November 5, 1964

PRESENT: Judge William A. Patterson, Chairman; Mrs. Glen Keys, who acted as Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mr. Floyd T. Christian; and Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Mr. A. J. Sellas, Chief Counselor, and Mr. Robert Marshall, Assistant Chief Counselor of the Pinellas County Juvenile Court.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes of October 1 meeting

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the October 1 meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for September

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve expenditures for September: checks #9792 through #9798, obligations of the previous fiscal year.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for October

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for October: checks #9831 through #9847.

MOTION
Approval of Salary Checks for November

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for November on the condition of the completion of satisfactory service.

Dr. Finck explained that Florida Presbyterian students in field experience with various social agencies included a student at the Child Welfare Unit who was carrying out social work functions in that agency. The carrying out of these functions included the incurring of mileage expenses.

MOTION
Payment of Mileage for Florida Presbyterian Students

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of mileage for Florida Presbyterian students having field experience with the Child Welfare Unit of the State Department of Public Welfare.

The financial reports for the fiscal year 1963-64 were discussed with the Board. Dr. Finck stated that income received beyond budget estimates amounted to $9,498.40, and that under expenditures of the budget totalled $3,914.25, or a total of $13,412.65.

MOTION
Establishment of a Contingency Fund

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to transfer the sum of $13,412.65 in unexpended balances and excess receipts to the contingency fund.

The report of the Trust Fund for the year ending September 30, 1964 was discussed by the Board. The Board also reviewed the financial report and the financial statement for the month of October.

The report of children in foster care for 1963-64 was discussed by the Board. The number of children in foster care exceeded the number in the previous year by 170, and the number of days of care was 27,618 greater than in the year before. The expenditures for foster care were $76,618.34 greater than in the year 1962-63. The report of children in foster care for the month of September 1964 was also discussed by the Board.
Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the continuation of foster care beyond the 17th birthday for Linda Beckworth.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the continuation of foster care for Gail Redding beyond her 17th birthday.

Mrs. Keys moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve the continuation of foster care for Barbara Johnson beyond her 17th birthday.

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to increase the allowable board rate for Dorothy Mercer from $60.00 to $90.00, and to continue foster care beyond her 17th birthday.

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve Mr. Smith's participation in the research project of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program as long as this temporary work does not conflict with his regular hours.

The Board discussed the situation in regard to foster care and shelter homes, and emphasized the great contributions made by foster parents in supplying homes and care for children.

Mr. Christian moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to set up a committee to discuss an appreciation day for foster parents with the Child Welfare Unit, and to report back to the next Board meeting.

Dr. Finck reported that the staff paper, "Marital Conflict following Premarital Pregnancy", had been accepted for presentation at the meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, New York City, March 17 - 20, 1965. He stated that over 400 proposals were submitted for this meeting and only about 100 were accepted, of which this paper was one.

Mr. Don Sellas and Mr. Robert Marshall took part in a discussion of the recommendations of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency for detention care in Pinellas County. After considerable discussion of all of the factors involved, the following motion was passed.

The Juvenile Welfare Board endorses and supports the establishment and staffing of a Juvenile Detention Home as recommended by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency in a recent survey report, provided that the program for the detention home is carried out according to the recommendations of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency for an adequately trained staff and with the understanding that no dependent or retarded children be included.
The activities reports were reviewed by the Board, including the report from the Visiting Nurse and Homemaker Association. Mrs. Holland suggested that a letter be sent to the Visiting Nurse and Homemaker Service, asking that they include a mention of the Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board in their press releases.

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

Mrs. Glen Keys
Acting Secretary