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Meeting in Clearwater
July 6, 1961

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. H. W. Holland who acted as Secretary; and Juvenile Court Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director, and Mrs. Menabelle G. Dame, Marriage and Family Counselor. Mr. Christian later concurred in the motions adopted by the Board since there was no quorum present.

The minutes of the June 5th meeting were approved as distributed.

The Board discussed the report of children in foster care and Dr. Finck announced that the number of children and days of care and the amount of expenditures were approximately the same in May as they had been in April.

Dr. Finck announced that he had been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Community Welfare Council of South Pinellas. He also announced that a letter written by him had been published in the June, 1961, Child Welfare, a publication of the Child Welfare League of America. This article dealt with proposals to reorganize the United States Children's Bureau.

Dr. Finck also reported on the formation of the new License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes. He announced that all seven members of the Board had been designated by the various agencies concerned: Mr. C. Robert Stuler from the Board of County Commissioners; Dr. Howard Carter representing the County Health Officer; Mrs. Richard Sample, representing the District #4 Welfare Board; Miss Theresa Graves representing Superintendent of Public Instruction; Mrs. Evelyn Eshbaker, representing the Private Pre-School Owners Association; and Father John Hamblin, Jr., representing the Pinellas Pre-School Association. Dr. Finck stated that at the meeting of the License Board on July 5th that he had been elected as Chairman of the Board and would thereby be the administrative officer responsible for the License Board and for its staff. Dr. Finck also stated that with the standards expressly stated in the new License Board Act that this License Board would have little or no discretion in the application of standards as they are stated in the Act. He said that the activities of the License Board could require more of his time than in the past.

MOTION
Expenditures

Judge Parks moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve checks as listed: check #7744 dated June 5; checks #7745 through #7768 dated June 15; checks #7769 through #7792 dated June 30, 1961. Also checks #84 and #85 from Trust Funds dated June 30, 1961.

Dr. Finck announced that the tentative figures for the County tax basis had been published and that the Juvenile Welfare Board estimate of the value of one-half mill was about \$13,000 higher than that of the Tax Assessor. He stated that the Board could manage by reducing the contingency fund from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and by taking out the remainder of the excess from the cash carry-over.

The Board discussed employment of Mrs. Beatrice Simcox Reiner as a part-time marriage and family counselor.

MOTION
Employment of
Mrs. Reiner

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Parks seconded a motion which carried, to employ Mrs. Reiner on the basis of a day and a half per week at thirty per cent of the \$7,000 for a marriage and family counselor, or \$2,000 per year.

The Board also requested Dr. Finck to express appreciation to the Board of County Commissioners who had forwarded to the Juvenile Welfare Board a check for \$27,000 to cover the amount advanced for foster care.

The Board discussed the purchase of furniture, rugs, and draperies for the counseling offices in St. Petersburg.

MOTION

Expenditures for
furniture, drapes
and rugs

Judge Parks moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to allow up to \$500.00 for the purchase of draperies, rugs, and furniture for the counseling offices and waiting room in St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame, Marriage and Family Counselor, described to the Board her experiences in attending the Institute of Family Service Association at Blue Ridge, North Carolina, June 11th through 16th, 1961. Mrs. Dame told how she attended two separate institutes on Family Diagnosis and Treatment and on Marital Problems. She described some of the ways in which social workers from all over the South were attempting to understand and deal with these problems.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, September 14, 1961.

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Mrs. H. W. Holland
Secretary pro tem