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Meeting in Clearwater
November 2, 1961

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Gus Sakkis, who acted as Secretary; and County Commissioner, A. L. Anderson. Also present Dr. George H. Finck, Director. Mrs. Baya Harrison concurred in the motions reached by the Board after the meeting.

The minutes of the September 14th meeting were approved.

MOTION
Approval of Checks
Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: check #7896 dated September 1; checks #7897 through #7931 dated September 15; checks #7932 through #7977 dated September 29; check #7978 dated October 5; checks #7979 through #8002 dated October 13; checks #8003 through #8031 dated October 31; and check #8035 dated November 1, 1961.

The financial reports for the months of September and October were reviewed by the Board. The Board also reviewed the reports of children in foster care for August and September and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1961. Dr. Finck reported that for the year ending June 30, 1961, the State Department of Public Welfare reported $22,998.01 collected by the Juvenile Court and contributed by parents and relatives. This sum was more than three times as much as any other county in the state and was a very substantial portion of the $72,308.33 total for the state. Dr. Finck also read a letter from the Child Welfare Unit concerning James Newman whose foster care beyond age 17 had been approved by the Board, subject to a report of his grades at the end of the first marking period. The letter stated that James Newman had made an average of B- during the first marking period.

The election of the Chairman and Secretary for the current fiscal year was deferred until the December meeting.

MOTION
Payments for Intensive Treatment of Children in the Brown Schools
Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of $100.00 a month for Linda Wohnsen and Ricky Cody in the Brown Schools in order that they might receive intensive individual therapeutic treatment. This action was in confirmation of a previous administrative decision taken in consultation with several other members of the Board to permit this expenditure.

Dr. Finck announced that he had attended a meeting of the Florida Cooperating Council for Children and Youth at Tallahassee on October 31, 1961, and that his attendance at this meeting had been approved by the Chairman.

MOTION
Payment of Dues to Florida Cooperating Council
Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to pay the sum of $10.00 for annual dues for membership in the Florida Cooperating Council for Children and Youth.

Dr. Finck announced that Mrs. Emma Sue Guy had resigned as Secretary for the Marriage Counseling Service as of September 1, 1961. He said that Mrs. Ethel Callahan had been selected to do this work on a part-time basis. The use of summary reports in marriage counseling and the plans to have the annual report printed instead of being prepared by the staff made it seem possible that part-time employment would be sufficient and that expenses could be reduced accordingly.
MOTION
Agreement with District #4 Welfare Board

Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the agreement for foster care with the District #4 Welfare Board, as submitted by them.

MOTION
Approval for Expenditure for Printing of handbooks for Foster Parents

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditure for printing of handbooks for foster parents by the State Department of Public Welfare in the sum not to exceed $70.00 for 500 copies.

MOTION
Staff Memberships in the American Association of Marriage Counselors

Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to pay the professional dues of staff members in the American Association of Marriage Counselors.

Dr. Finck announced that Mrs. Beatrice Simcox Reiner would conduct an institute at the Child Welfare League of America Regional Meeting at Spokane, Washington, April 30 and May 1, 1962.

MOTION
Payment of Expenses for Dr. Finck

Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to pay expenses for Dr. Finck to attend the White House Regional Conference at Nashville, Tennessee, November 9 and 10, 1961.

The activities reports for the months of September and October and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1961, were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck pointed out that, as a result of the visit of Mr. Fred Ward, he had written to the Coordinating Council at Tampa to request a copy of the Tampa Child Care Survey which was shown to the Board.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, December 7, 1961.

Marie Sakkis
Secretary pro tem