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Meeting in Clearwater
January 4, 1962

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Gus Sakkis, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and County Commissioner John W. Bonsey. Also present: Mr. James Hendry, member of the School Board; Mr. George W. Young, research Coordinator, Florida Children's Commission; and Dr. George H. Finck, Director.

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Bonsey, who joined the Board on this date, Mr. Hendry, and Mr. Young to the meeting.

MOTION Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Bonsey seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the December 7th meeting.

MOTION Approval of Checks
Mr. Bonsey moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: Checks #8109 through #8112 dated December 15th; checks #8113 through #8118 dated December 29th, 1961, and check #8119 dated January 4th, 1962.

The financial reports for the month of December were reviewed by the Board. Mrs. Holland suggested that on the check list the salaries be drawn up according to whether the persons were employed by Child Guidance Clinic, License Board, or Juvenile Welfare Board directly. The report of children in foster care for the month of November was also reviewed.

Dr. Finck reported that a marriage counseling group had been formed in St. Petersburg and was being conducted by Mr. Smith. There have been three sessions of this group and the response so far has been very good. Some of the advantages of group counseling were discussed.

Dr. Finck also made a report of progress on the Annual Report. A copy of the "dummy" was circulated among the members of the Board, and Dr. Finck explained how the St. Petersburg Times had been of great help in the layout, composition, and art work for this report.

MOTION
Mrs. Holland moved, and Commissioner Bonsey seconded a motion which carried, to express to Mr. Poynter, Mr. Sandy Stiles, and Mr. Bill Dunn the appreciation of the Juvenile Welfare Board for the help of the St. Petersburg Times in the preparation of the Fourteenth Annual Report.

Dr. Finck announced that, with the removal of the Child Guidance Clinic, the new address in Clearwater for marriage and family counseling was now 2105 Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard.

A letter from Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame, Marriage and Family Counselor, to the Board was read. Mrs. Dame expressed her appreciation of the Board's sympathy and understanding at the time of her recent accident.

Mr. George W. Young, Research Coordinator of the Florida Children's Commission, discussed the present program of the Florida Children's Commission. He explained at length the problem of decent literature and the concern of state and local officials with the effect of pornography and obscene material on children. In addition to
this program, the Florida Children's Commission is also concerned at the present
time with supporting a program of after care for children who have been in the State
Training Schools, and the Commission is also very much interested in research
studies concerning juvenile delinquency and school drop-outs. A period of discus-
sion followed Mr. Young's remarks, and Mr. Hendry joined in this discussion.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of
the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, February 1, 1962.

Marie A. Sakkis
Secretary