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Meeting in Clearwater

March 4, 1965

PRESENT: Judge William A. Patterson, Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Glen Keys; Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr.; and County Commissioner Robert Weatherly. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mrs. Elouise Irwin, Director; Mrs. Priscilla Colby, Child Welfare Supervisor; and Mr. Theodore Hanscom, Supervisor, Protective Unit, State Department of Public Welfare.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the February 4 meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for February

Mr. Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for February: checks #10,055 through #10,082.

MOTION
Approval of Salary Checks for March

Mrs. Keys moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for March on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial reports for the month of February were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck read a letter requesting a transfer of funds by the State Department of Public Welfare in order to provide for another secretary in the Child Welfare Unit.

MOTION
Approval of Transfer of Funds in Child Welfare Unit Budget

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve transfer of funds at the rate of $232 per month for seven months to provide for the salary of a secretary in the Child Welfare Unit.

Dr. Finck reported that at the request of the Board he had investigated the purchase of a check signature machine. He stated that the Addressograph people had a machine which would cost $120, but which would not meet the specifications of the State Auditor. He stated that the Burroughs Company had a check signature machine with adequate locked control and a counting device. The amount of the check would also be protected. The price for this would be $450 in all. He stated that the Fridon Company also had a machine for $1,300.

MOTION
Approval of Purchase of Check Signature Machine

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of $450 for the purchase of a check signature machine from the Burroughs Company.

The report of children in foster care was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that a further deficit of $2,840 had been incurred in foster care for the month and that the total deficit for four months was $10,118. He stated that it would appear as if the $22,500 made available by changing the date of the payment, plus the $13,000 in the Contingency Fund would provide for foster care needs throughout the current fiscal year. He stated that it would be necessary to request from the Board of County Commissioners the $53,513 reserve fund to provide for the expenditures of the first six weeks of the 1965-66 fiscal year.

MOTION
Continuation of Foster Care for Yvonne Scott and Dorothy Mercer

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the continuation of foster care for Yvonne Scott so long as her progress in school continues
Mr. Weatherly moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve the continuation of foster care for Dorothy Mercer in order that she may undertake a program of studies at Orlando Junior College, and on the condition that her academic progress is satisfactory.

Dr. Finck read from a letter written to Mr. Ems by Dr. Bramlitt of Mount Park Hospital, stating that routine physical examinations for children could no longer be given at the Mound Park Hospital.

MOTION
Investigation of Medical Care

Mr. Weatherly moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, that the Juvenile Welfare Board investigate the provisions for physical examinations at all hospitals in the County and determine to what extent the lack of periodical examinations would affect children in foster care.

Mr. Theodore Hanscom, Supervisor of the Protective Service presented a report to the Board of the operation of this new unit during the first two months of this year. He presented statistical data showing the volume of cases, the source of the referrals, the provisions that were being made, and other information. Mrs. Priscilla Colby told about the kinds of complaints received in regard to the neglect and abuse of children during one morning. Mr. Hanscom stated that he would supply monthly reports to the Board of the operations of the service and the reports for January and February are included in these materials.

Judge Patterson named the following persons to serve on the committee to consider the 1965-66 budget: Mrs. Holland, Mr. Christian, and Dr. Coleman, together with the Chairman, Judge Patterson.

After some discussion the Board requested Mrs. Glen Keys to serve as the representative of the Juvenile Welfare Board on the Child Guidance Clinic Board.

MOTION
Appreciation to Mr. Richard Simpson and Mr. Mark Johnson

Mr. Weatherly moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, that the Board write to Mr. Richard Simpson and Mr. Mark Johnson to express appreciation for their services in preparation of the Seventeenth Annual Report.

Dr. Finck announced that the Marriage Counseling Staff would give the annual Institute for the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, to be held in Clearwater on May 21. Dr. Finck read a letter from a former client which very well expressed her appreciation for the service she had received in marriage counseling. Dr. Finck announced that he would speak on Radio Station WPIN March 11, 1965, at 11:00 a.m.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held Thursday, April 1, 1965, in the County Office Building in Clearwater.

[Signature]
Virginia Harrison
Secretary