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Meeting in Clearwater
April 6, 1961

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Secretary; Juvenile Court Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr. Mrs. H. W. Holland later concurred in the motions at the Board meeting. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director.

The minutes of the March 2nd meeting were discussed. Judge Parks requested that the sentence be changed to "Dr. Finck reported on the status of the amendment to the Juvenile Welfare Board Act". The minutes were approved as corrected.

MOTION
Expenditures Judge Parks moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: check #7565 dated March 2; checks #7566 through #7592 dated March 15; and checks #7593 through #7626 dated March 31, 1961.

The financial reports for the month of March were reviewed. The report on children in foster care for the month of February was also reviewed. Dr. Finck announced that although the number of children, 188, was the same for February as it had been for January, the Child Welfare Unit reported that 23 new children had been added in the first 25 days of March.

Dr. Finck reported on the status of the amendment to the Juvenile Welfare Board Act. The Reverend Mr. Coleman and Dr. Finck had appeared before the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, March 28. Following this meeting, there were several conferences with Senator Young. The agreement reached was that the Juvenile Welfare Board would be permitted to request up to one-half mill for its purposes and that the Board would determine how much money was needed. Mr. Leonard Cooperman is drafting the modification of the amendment.

Dr. Finck also reported on the substitute License Board Bill. He explained that the substitute Act is one designed to reconstitute the License Board, to spell out rules and regulations in the Act, and to provide for enforcement machinery. Dr. Finck stated that he felt there would be difficulty in getting this Act accepted by the Legislative Delegation. He also said that he was concerned that the provisions of the Act would be watered down in a compromise to the point where they failed to protect children adequately.

Dr. Finck read a letter from Mr. Wesley W. Jenkins, Executive Director of the Family and Children's Service. Mr. Jenkins wrote to request the Board's consideration of the possibility of granting funds to Family and Children's Service for adoption services to Negro unmarried mothers and their children.

MOTION
Request from Family & Children's Service Mrs. Harrison moved, and Judge Parks seconded a motion which carried, to request the Budget Committee to study this request and bring a recommendation back to the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The Reverend Mr. Coleman announced that he was appointing a Budget Committee for the 1961-62 Budget to consist of Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Holland with the assistance of Dr. Finck.

Dr. Finck announced that Mr. Brady Smith will take part in a seminar for law enforcement officers to be given by the Florida Police Institute at St. Petersburg Junior
College. There will be two meetings on April 18th and two more on May 4th. Dr. Finck also announced that Mr. Smith would take part in the television program on April 8th which deals with the work of the Florence Crittenton Home. Mr. Smith will explain the group counseling sessions which he began in February of 1960.

The Reverend Mr. Coleman requested Dr. Finck to write to the absent Board members to ask them if they had any suggestions for nomination for the Community Welfare Council Award for the non-professional local person who is adjudged to have contributed most to the youth of the community during the year 1960.

Dr. Finck read excerpts from various letters received from State and National agencies concerning the Thirteenth Annual Report.

The activities reports for March were discussed. The Board tentatively set the May meeting date for Monday, May 8th, because of the absence of the Chairman on the regular meeting date.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, May 8th, at nine-thirty.

Virginia D. Harrison
Secretary