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Meeting in Clearwater
May 8, 1961

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Secretary; Mrs. Gus Sakkis; County Commissioner A. L. Anderson; and Juvenile Court Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director.

The minutes of the April 6th meeting were approved.

MOTION
Expenditures
Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to affirm the approval of checks presented at the April 6th meeting: check #7565 dated March 2nd; checks #7566 through #7592 dated March 15; and checks #7593 through #7626 dated March 31, 1961.

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve checks as listed: check #7627 dated April 6; checks #7628 through #7657 dated April 14; and checks #7658 through #7684 dated April 28, 1961.

Commissioner Anderson asked whether these checks required prior Board approval. Dr. Finck agreed to send a copy of the Juvenile Welfare Board Law to Mr. Anderson in order that he might study the pertinent sections.

The financial reports for the month of April were discussed. Dr. Finck pointed to the over-expenditure of $8,863.00 in the foster care item of the budget and stated that the Board of County Commissioners had agreed to reimburse the Juvenile Welfare Board for this excess, not to exceed $27,000.00.

The report of children in foster care for the month of March was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that in April the number of children in care increased from 192 to 212 and the days of care from 5,070 to 6,355. Graphs presented showed the number of children in care, days of care and various expenditures for foster care over the last three months.

Dr. Finck read a newspaper clipping to inform the Board that the Child Guidance Clinic had announced plans for new housing in Clearwater. Plans are underway to raise the necessary funds.

Dr. Finck announced that the trust funds at the First National Bank in St. Petersburg totaled $1,123.69.

MOTION
Trust Fund
Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to permit the Director to explore the possibility of placing these funds in some interest-yielding account.

Dr. Finck read a letter from the Child Guidance Clinic requesting the transfer of funds during the current year ending September 30, 1961.

MOTION
Transfer of Funds for Child Guidance Clinic
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, that the transfer of funds as requested by letter from the Child Guidance Clinic be approved.

The transfer as requested is as follows:
Replacement of Clinic staff effective 7/1/61 $3,360.00

Clinical Psychologist II 1,740.00
(annual salary $6,960.00)
Psychiatric Social Worker III 1,620.00

Payment of specific services 1,668.00

Neuro-psychiatric Consultant 625.00
Mental Health Consultant 500.00
Janitorial Service 543.00

Replacement of secretary, one vacancy, 810.00
effective 7/1/61

Total 5,838.00

There will be as of September 30, unexpended amounts in the Child Guidance Clinic budget of approximately $6,620.00 to meet this transfer.

Dr. Finck reported on the status of the Juvenile Welfare Board amendment. He informed the Board that the revised amendment had been mailed to the legislative delegation on April 12. On May 4, he had written a letter to each member of the delegation to inquire as to the progress of the bill. No response has been received from the legislative delegation to date. Dr. Finck also reported that the License Board Bill had been introduced and passed by the House the week of May 1st. While there are some aspects of the Bill that raise questions, in general the Act appears to be workable and the Board responsible for the administration of this Act will carry the major responsibility.

Commissioner Anderson brought in a letter from Attorney General Richard Ervin in regard to the listing of the Marriage Counseling Service in the telephone book. Dr. Finck was instructed to file this letter in the minutes and to send a copy to Clerk Avery Gilkerson.

Dr. Finck reported that Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Holland, the budget committee, met with the District #4 Welfare Board, the Child Guidance Clinic, and with Family and Children's Service in regard to requests for funds. There was also a meeting to discuss the budget in general. Dr. Finck reported that no budget could be submitted at this time until a decision on the passage of the Juvenile Welfare Board amendment was made by the legislative delegation. The report of the budget committee will be submitted at the June meeting.

MOTION
Expenses for Mrs. Dame to attend Institute June 11 to 16

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, that the Board pay expenses for Mrs. Dame to attend the Family Service Regional Institute, Blue Ridge, North Carolina, June 11 to 16.

The date of the next meeting was discussed and because of a conflict it was decided to meet on the first Monday of June, which is June 5, 1961. Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Virginia D. Harrison
Secretary
LETTER FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD W. ERVIN

April 25, 1961

Honorable A. L. Anderson
County Commission Member of the
Juvenile Welfare Board
P. O. Box 209
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your request for my advice relative to the authority of the Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board to incur and pay the expense of a listing in the Classified Section of the telephone directory, under the heading "Marriage Counselors".

The powers and duties of the Pinellas County Welfare Board are prescribed in Section 2 of Chapter 31171, Special Acts of 1955; said section provides generally for the board to render such services for all "juveniles" as the board determines are needed.

In view of the foregoing, it is my opinion that the board is limited to rendering services for the benefit of juveniles. Therefore, if the board shall confine its marriage counselling to juveniles, the expense would be justified.

I trust the foregoing is the information you requested.

Sincerely,

/s/Richard W. Ervin
Attorney General

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