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Meeting in Clearwater

January 2, 1964

PRESENT: Judge William A. Patterson, Chairman; Mrs. H. W. Holland, who acted as Secretary; County Commissioner A. L. Anderson; and Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Mr. Wesley Jenkins, Executive Director of Family and Children's Service, Inc.

MOTION

Approval of Minutes of
December 5 Meeting

Mr. Anderson moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the December 5 meeting.

MOTION

Approval of
Expenditures

Mr. Anderson moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for December, 1963; #9234 through #9264 inclusive; other expenditures for December 1963, checks #9265 through #9281, including \$12.00 payment from Trust Funds; and salary checks for January 1964, #9282 through #9306, on condition of the satisfactory completion of service by the employees for the payroll period ending January 31, 1964.

The financial reports for the month of December, 1963, were reviewed by the Board. The Board also reviewed and discussed the report of children in foster care for the month of November, 1963.

MOTION

Salary Increases for
Kenneth J. Brownlee
and Theodore L. Hanscom

Mr. Anderson moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve salary increases for Mr. Brownlee and Mr. Hanscom to \$380 a month, or \$4,560 a year, since both these persons have completed their probationary periods and are eligible for one-step salary advance according to the rules and regulations of the State Department of Public Welfare where they are employed.

Dr. Finck explained that the Lions Club of St. Petersburg no longer felt that they could pay the expenses of eye examination and glasses for children in foster care.

MOTION

Payment of Eye Expenses

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve payment by the Juvenile Welfare Board for eye examinations and glasses after all other avenues of payment had been explored.

Judge Patterson discussed the survey by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency as conducted by Mr. Don Rademacher. It was pointed out that this was a survey of the Juvenile Court and associated services. Judge Patterson said that he felt that the survey had gone well and that he was looking forward to the final report by Mr. Rademacher sometime in February. It was suggested by the Board that Mr. Rademacher try to time his return visit to the County so as to meet with the Juvenile Welfare Board at their March meeting or at a special meeting called by the Board Chairman.

Dr. Finck reported on the phasing out of the program for unmarried mothers at the Florence Crittenton Home, explaining that the Juvenile Welfare Board had been able to demonstrate the value of social casework services within the home and the importance of group treatment for the unmarried mothers resident there. He stated that the Florence Crittenton Home had now employed a caseworker and that she would be able to take over from Mr. Brady Smith, who had been conducting the group counseling in the Home. Dr. Finck stated further that, as a result of working with the Continuing Academic and Cultural Enrichment Program, Mrs. Reiner had discovered that a number

of the drop-outs from Junior and Senior High School were because of pregnancy. In following up these drop-outs with individual interviews, she had found an interest on the part of these girls in group counseling and further education. Dr. Finck requested permission from the Board to pay the necessary expenses in the evening adult program if these fees could not be paid by the girls.

MOTION

Use of Trust Funds for Adult Education Fees

Mr. Anderson moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve payments from the Trust Funds for adult education fees of the unmarried mothers in group counseling, provided that these fees could not be waived by the Board of Public Instruction.

Dr. Finck read a summary of the report of the Mental Health Committee of the Community Welfare Council to the United Fund of South Pinellas. This report stated that the subject of possible merger of the mental health organizations needed considerable study and that no plans could be made in time to affect the United Fund allocations for the year beginning January 1, 1964.

MOTION

Approval of Expenses for Conference on Personality Theory and Counseling Practice

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the necessary expenses as provided by Florida law for the marriage counseling staff to attend the Conference on Personality Theory and Counseling Practice, at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, January 9 through 11.

Mr. Wesley Jenkins, Executive Director of Family and Children's Service, was introduced by Dr. Finck, who made a few remarks on the national situation so far as adoptions were concerned. Mr. Jenkins stated that the program of foster care for children, hard to place for adoption, had grown to the extent that Family and Children's Service was now spending about \$1,000 a month of Juvenile Welfare Board money. He discussed some of the factors that have led to a rise in the surrender of Negro babies for adoption, and explained some of the measures that Family and Children's Service has taken in order to meet the special cultural circumstances involved.

The activities reports for the month of December were reviewed by the Board.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held on Thursday, February 6, in the County Office Building in Clearwater.

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Acting Secretary