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Meeting in Clearwater
February 6, 1964

PRESENT: Judge William A. Patterson, Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, who acted as Secretary; County Commissioner A. L. Anderson; Mr. Floyd T. Christian, Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Mr. John Bustis, President, Board of Directors, Child Guidance Clinic of Pinellas County, Inc.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes of January 2 Meeting

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the January 2 meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for January

Mr. Christian moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for January: Checks #9282 and #9283 dated January 6; checks #9311 through #9314 dated January 31; and checks #9315 through #9335 dated February 6, 1964.

MOTION
Approval of Salary Checks for February

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for February on condition of satisfactory completion of service for the payroll period ending February 28.

The financial report and financial statement for the month of January were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck explained that $100,000 had been invested for six months at 3% interest and $50,000 for nine months at 3 1/2% interest.

The report of children in foster care for the month of December was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck announced that the Child Welfare Unit had been successful in establishing a shelter home for Negro children and a shelter home for younger white children in the upper part of the County. The Child Welfare Unit stated that they wish to express their appreciation to the Juvenile Welfare Board for providing them with staff sufficient so that time could be given to locating these two much needed facilities for use by the Court and the Police Departments.

MOTION
Approval of Continuation of Foster Care for Michael Peters, Robert Stevenson, Harvey D. Cooke, and James Hornbuckle

After discussion of each of the individual cases involved, Mr. Christian moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve the continuation of foster care beyond the age of 17 for Michael Peters, Robert Stevenson, Harvey D. Cooke, and James Hornbuckle.

MOTION
Special Board Rate for Barry Wesche

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, for the Juvenile Welfare Board to pay whatever portion of $20 per week was not met by payments from the father and mother for the special care of Barry Wesche at Lullaby Nursery until such time as he could be accepted by the Division of Sunland Training Centers.

MOTION
Special Board Rates for Janice Blackshire and Joyce Hillhouse

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve special board rates for Janice Blackshire and Joyce Hillhouse at the Young Women's Community Club in Orlando, to the extent of $99.50 a month plus allowances and medical care. It is understood that
if these girls do not move into independent living after June of this year, the situation would be reviewed.

Dr. Finck announced that he would be speaking to the Florida Association for Supervision and Curriculum Revision at the University of South Florida on February 7. The subject of his talk will be "Troubled Times for Children". Dr. Finck has also been requested to prepare a paper for the counseling section of the National Council on Family Relations, which meets in Miami October 9 - 11.

**MOTION**
Approval of Expenses for Dr. Finck for Meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association

Mr. Christian moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve payment of the necessary expenses for Dr. Finck to attend the meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association in Chicago March 18 - 21, 1964.

Dr. Finck introduced Mr. John Eustis, President of the Board of Directors of the Child Guidance Clinic of Pinellas County. Mr. Eustis explained the difficulties encountered by the Clinic in raising funds to pay the salary of a Psychiatrist-Director. The attached materials explaining the situation and the Child Guidance Clinic budget for the next nine months is included in these minutes.

**MOTION**
Transfer of Funds

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the transfer of $1,800 from the Contingency Fund to the Child Guidance Clinic account.

Judge Patterson agreed to serve as the representative of the Juvenile Welfare Board on the Board of the Child Guidance Clinic of Pinellas County.

The Activities reports for the month of January 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 Thursday, March 5, in the County Office Building in Clearwater.

Virginia D. Harrison
Acting Secretary
AN EXPLANATION OF THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN RAISING FUNDS TO PAY THE SALARY OF A PSYCHIATRIST-DIRECTOR FOR THE CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

In 1958 the State Board of Health, through the local Health Department, paid $25,075 in staff salaries, i.e., the major part of the salaries of a Psychiatrist-Director, two clinical psychologists, and the administrative secretary. (This amount has been cut gradually to a total of $11,580 in 1964).

When our previous Psychiatrist-Director resigned in March, 1962, that portion of his salary ($12,000) paid by the Board of Health was taken over by the local Health Department and the position of Psychiatrist-Director for the Child Guidance Clinic abolished. In December, 1962, the State Board of Health informed the Clinic that the State budget for the 1963-1965 biennium listed the position of a Psychiatrist-Director for this Clinic at a salary of $12,000.

With this assurance from the State Board of Health, the Clinic Board of Directors, in December, 1962, offered our present Psychiatrist-Director the position - to start July 1, 1963 - at a salary of $20,000 per annum. Of this amount, $12,000 was to be paid by the State through the local Board of Health, and $8,000 to come from Clinic monies supplied by the United Funds of South Pinellas, Central Pinellas and Dunedin, as well as fees collected from patients who could afford to pay something toward Clinic services.

In April, 1963, the State legislature turned down the State Board of Health request for monies to cover new and/or re-established positions. In the meantime, one of the Clinic Psychologists on the State payroll resigned, and the State agreed to transfer this sum of $6,600 to the position of Director. The Clinic board then requested the United Fund of South Pinellas to make up the difference. As the Fund was unable to do so, the Clinic in June, 1963, appealed for help to the Juvenile Welfare Board.

On July 22, 1963, a letter from the State Board of Health was received saying the legislature had further cut their budget so there was not even the $6,600 that had been promised.

Finally, in August, the State Board of Health agreed to pay our Psychiatrist-Director $600 per annum, saying this sum might be increased if and when state or local funds became available. The State Board of Health hopes that the legislators, at the next biennium, will make available more money for mental health staff. This would include $12,000 for our Psychiatrist-Director.
The Child Guidance Clinic budget for the period 1-1-64 through 9-30-64 (This is the first 9 months of the Child Guidance Clinic fiscal year)

**INCOME**

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<td>Juvenile Welfare Board for special services</td>
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**EXPENSES:**

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**Anticipated Deficit** ($6,790.33)

Part of this deficit can be made up as follows:

- No conference allowance ($1,125.00)
  (Staff to pay own conference expenses)
- Increased fees ($600.00)
  (Fees have been some higher the last quarter of 1963)
- Decrease Community Mental Health Education program by $400.00

**Request from Juvenile Welfare Board**

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**Remaining Deficit** ($2,865.33)

We are requesting the Juvenile Welfare Board for an additional $1,800 toward the salary for the Psychiatrist-Director for the period January 1 through September 30, 1964. Should the State Board of Health increase their allotment, we would decrease the allotment from the Juvenile Welfare Board accordingly.

The remaining deficit of $2,865.33 can perhaps be made up through contributions, etc.