Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting: 1966: 10: 06: Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
Meeting in Clearwater
October 6, 1966

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Baya E. Harrison, who acted as Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Juvenile Judge William A. Patterson; and County Commissioner Robert L. Weatherly. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Walter M. White, Jr., M.D., Psychiatrist-Director of the Child Guidance Clinic.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the September 1st. meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for September
Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for September: Checks #1094, 1096, and 1097, adjustments on salary list; and checks #1102 through #1129, September expenses.

MOTION
Approval of Salary Checks for October
Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for October on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

Dr. Finck pointed out that in this list of checks for October was included the foster care check for the State Department of Public Welfare in the amount of $11,400.00, a reduction of $15,000.00 from the usual allocation. This amount was withheld because of the reduction in expenses effected by additional staff for Foster Care and Protective Service Units.

The fiscal report and statement for September and the preliminary report and statement for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1966 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that $17,765.53, received in taxes in excess of the amount budgeted, and $20,000.00 in unspent balances were included in the $124,486.66 balance at the end of the year from which bills totaling $6,034.10 were still to be paid.

MOTION
Investment of Tax Monies in Certificates of Deposit
Judge Patterson moved, and Commissioner Weatherly seconded a motion which carried, to accept the proposal of the St. Petersburg Bank and Trust Company for the investment of $50,000.00 at 5% for one year; $100,000.00 at 5.2% for nine months; and $100,000.00 at 5.2% for six months.

Dr. Finck pointed to the report of the Trust Fund for the fiscal year 1965-66 and explained the expenditures from this Fund.

The report of children in foster care for the month of August was reviewed by the Board as were the charts showing the number of children, days of care, and net expenditures for the fiscal years 1964-65 and 1965-66.

MOTION
Filing of Comparison Charts
Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, to receive and file the charts showing the comparisons above. Dr. Finck reported on Federal legislation concerning foster care.
NOTIONS
Approval of Agreements with Cooperating Agencies

Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the agreement for 1966-67 with the State Department of Public Welfare.

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the 1966-67 agreement with the Child Guidance Clinic.

Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the 1966-67 agreement with Family and Children's Service.

Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the 1966-67 agreement with Visiting Nurse and Homemaker Association.

Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the 1966-67 agreement with Peter Pan School.

Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the 1966-67 agreement with Play Parc School.

MOTION
Election of Chairman

Mrs. Holland moved to nominate Dr. Coleman, and Commissioner Weatherly seconded the nomination. Mrs. Harrison moved, and Commissioner Weatherly seconded a motion to close the nominations and elect Dr. Coleman Chairman which carried. The Board agreed to postpone the election of a Secretary until all members were present.

MOTION
Professional Leave for Mr. Brady Smith

Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve professional leave for Mr. Brady Smith to attend the National Association of Social Workers Institute at Atlanta, Georgia, October 14, 1966.

The Activities Reports for September and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1966 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck reported that Mr. Brady Smith had worked with the State Department of Public Welfare "Pathfinder" Project on the use of group work techniques with the families involved. Dr. Finck stated that requests for the Parents' article had been received from the Juvenile Courts of Milwaukee and Hawaii.

Dr. Walter M. White, Jr., Psychiatrist-Director of the Child Guidance Clinic, spoke to the Board about the present situation in regard to the Clinic. He said that the Division of Mental Health had assumed an additional share of his salary so that it would no longer be necessary for the Juvenile Welfare Board to pay $9,800.00 in the coming year toward his salary. He stated that the Clinic was faced with a crisis in regard to the salaries of staff members and presented to the Board a list of proposed adjustments totaling $2,666.00 for the 1966-67 fiscal year. When they can find a clinical psychologist, it will be necessary to make an adjustment in the salary currently listed at $8,220.00. Dr. White reported also on the kinds of situations which were being seen at the Clinic and discussed some of the problems that adolescents were facing in our society.
Judge Patterson moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of the Child Guidance Clinic. In the discussion which followed, it was requested that the Board have an opportunity for further study of this situation and consequently the motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Weathery moved, and Judge Patterson seconded a motion which carried, to make the discussion of the request of the Child Guidance Clinic for salary adjustments the first item of business at the Juvenile Welfare Board meeting on November 3rd.

Since there was no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, November 3rd, in the County Office Building, Clearwater.

Mrs. Baya Harrison
Acting Secretary