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Meeting in Clearwater

January 7, 1965

PRESENT: Judge William A. Patterson, Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr.; and County Commissioner, Robert Weatherly. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director.

The approval of the minutes was deferred until the February meeting at the request of Mr. Weatherly.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for December
Dr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Weatherly seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for December: checks #9938 through #9957.

MOTION
Approval of Salary Checks for January
Mr. Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for January on the condition of the completion of satisfactory service.

The financial report and financial statement for the month of December were discussed.

MOTION
Transmittal of Financial Report and Statement to County Commissioners
Mr. Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to send monthly copies of the financial report and financial statement to the other County Commissioners and to Mr. Glisson, County Administrator.

MOTION
Increase in Petty Cash Fund
Dr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Weatherly seconded a motion which carried, to increase the amount in petty cash fund from $50.00 to $75.00.

Dr. Finck announced the investment of $75,000 for a period of six months in a certificate of deposit bearing interest at the rate of 3 3/4%. He stated that an additional $50,000 would be invested in January at the same rate for the same period.

The report of children in foster care for the month of November, 1964, was presented to the Board. Dr. Finck stated that the deficit in foster care for the month of November was $3,360. This is in addition to $1,868 in October and $2,050 in December. This total of $7,278 has been met by moving the payment of the check to the State Department of Public Welfare to the first week of the month. It would appear that the money available by this budgetary move would be exhausted in a period of from three to six months at the present rate of expenditure.

Mrs. Holland reported on the arrangements for appreciation of foster parents that had been made by the West Coast Orchid Society. This Society furnished 100 orchid corsages to foster mothers of six years or longer service on December 17. These corsages were distributed to the foster parents by members of the Child Welfare Unit staff, and the distribution was arranged for by Mrs. Holland.

Dr. Finck reported on the meeting of the Study Committee for the Florida Children's Commission on December 15 in Tampa. He stated that efforts would be made to re-instate the budget of the Florida Children's Commission for the 1965-67 biennium. Members of the Board suggested that this matter be discussed at the meeting with the Legislative Delegation.
Mr. Weatherly moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, that Dr. Finck be authorized to write an additional letter to Senator Young with copies to the other members of the Delegation, requesting that a date for the conference between the Board and the Legislative Delegation be set. Judge Patterson was requested to review the draft of the proposed amendment to the Juvenile Welfare Board Act.

Dr. Finck reported that an article on the marriage counseling services of the Juvenile Welfare Board is scheduled for publication in Parents' Magazine in May 1965. This article is an outgrowth of the interest in the staff's paper at the meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association in 1963.

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request for professional leave for Dr. Finck to attend the meeting of the Nominating Committee, National Association of Social Workers, in New York City, June 21 - 23, 1965.

Dr. Finck announced that he had been appointed an official delegate to the Third United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, August 9 through 18, 1965. Dr. Finck explained that half of this conference was devoted to prevention, and that one of the important sections would deal with the efforts of social agencies in this area. It was suggested that Dr. Finck plan to visit one or more of the children's villages during his trip abroad.

Dr. Finck read a letter from Mrs. Langston Holland, Chairman of the Board of the Pinellas Association for Retarded Children, explaining that Board's plans for a sheltered workshop for the adult mentally retarded.

The activities reports for December 1964 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, February 4, 1965, in the County Office Building in Clearwater.

Virginia Harrison
Secretary