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Meeting in Clearwater
February 2, 1961

PRESENT: Juvenile Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr., who acted as Chairman in the absence of Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Mrs. Baya Harrison, Secretary; Mrs. Gus Sakkis, and County Commissioner A. L. Anderson. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mr. Orville Allen, President of the Board of the Child Guidance Clinic; Dr. Milton Cole; and Dr. Harold Hivkind, Administrative Director of the Clinic.

The minutes of the January 12th meeting were approved as distributed.

MOTION
Expenditures
Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: check #7453 dated January 3; check #7454 through #7484 dated January 13; check #7485 through #7507 dated January 31; and check #7508 dated January 24, 1961.

The financial reports for the month of January were reviewed. Dr. Finck reported the investment of $74,142.00 in United States Treasury Notes. He stated that the First National Bank of St. Petersburg was unable because of their own regulations to accept a time deposit from a public agency.

MOTION
Investment of Surplus Tax Monies
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to invest surplus tax funds in time deposits or treasury notes depending on whichever affords the best interest yield at the discretion of the Director.

MOTION
Expenditures of Trust Funds
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to expend the sum of $19.50 for the rental of training films for the Child Guidance Clinic and Juvenile Welfare Board Staff.

Dr. Finck reported on the situation in regard to funds for foster care. He described the meetings with the Board of County Commissioners and read the motion passed by the County Commissioners on January 20, 1961, requesting the Board to release the sum of $27,000 from the foster care budget to provide additional funds for foster care. The Board of County Commissioners expressed their willingness to make up this expenditure from County Welfare Department funds if the proposed amendment to the Juvenile Welfare Board Act should fail passage in the Legislature.

Dr. Finck also read a letter from the County Delegation stating that they would introduce and enthusiastically support a request to increase the Juvenile Welfare Board's millage from one-third to one-half. Dr. Finck also read a letter from Mrs. W. A. McMullen, Chairman, District #4 Welfare Board stating that the Child Welfare Unit would reopen intake as soon as funds were available. Dr. Finck read his letter to Mrs. McMullen stating that funds would be made available to the Welfare Board on February 2nd.

MOTION
Revision of Budget Item for Foster Care
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to increase the foster care allocation to the State Department of Public Welfare by $3,375.00 a month, making a total monthly allocation for foster care of $12,375.00.

Dr. Finck reported on the plans that had been made for the adoption of the Wheeler children in Michigan. These are children for whom the total expense of foster care over a period of approximately two-and-a-half years was $4,329.12, about half of which came from the County and the remainder from Social Security payments.
Finck stated that he had approved the expenditure of $169.00 for transportation for these children to go to Michigan.

**MOTION**
Approval of Expenditures for Wheeler Children.

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditure of $169.00 for the travel expenses of the Wheeler children to Michigan.

**MOTION**
Appreciation to Mr. J. K. Flanagan

Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to express appreciation to Mr. J. K. Flanagan for his help with the Thirteenth Annual Report.

**MOTION**
Approval of Expenditures for Staff at the Florida Conference of Social Welfare at Jacksonville March 8 - 10.

Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, that the Board pay expenses for the staff to attend the Florida Conference of Social Welfare in Jacksonville on March 8 - 10, 1961.

Mr. Anderson brought up the question of "advertising" expenses for the listing in the telephone directory.

**MOTION**
Request for Attorney General's opinion

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, that Mr. Anderson take up with County Commissioners a request for a ruling from the Attorney General as to whether the Juvenile Welfare Board could spend funds to pay for a listing in the yellow pages of the telephone book under the heading of "Marriage Counselors".

Mr. Allen, Dr. Rivkind, and Dr. Cole presented the work of the Child Guidance Clinic. They stated that at the present time, there was a backlog from one hundred to one hundred fifty cases and delays of up to six months took place before children could be seen for continuous treatments. The Child Guidance Clinic Board and Staff members explained the sources of funds of the Child Guidance Clinic, stating that the Juvenile Welfare Board, State Board of Health, United Funds of St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Dunedin, fees, and contributions constituted their sources of income. The possibility of expanding these various sources was discussed. It was pointed out that very little could be expected in the way of increased State appropriations for the Child Guidance Clinic and that the attempts of the United Funds and Community Chest in the County had not proven to be very successful. The discussion pointed to the fact that the Clinic would need to look to the Juvenile Welfare Board for any future expansion of staff and facilities to keep pace with the growing child population of the County. A question was raised as to whether the Juvenile Welfare Board might be able to appropriate some funds in next year's budget for the administrative expenses of the Clinic.

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 meeting of the Board will be Thursday, March 2, at 9:30.

Virginia D. Harrison
Secretary