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Minutes of October 26, 1950

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bartlett with the following members present: Mrs. Holland, Judge Marshall, and Mrs. Strickland, and Mr. Christian. Dr. Williams, Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board was also present.

The minutes of the meeting of October 12 were approved in the form mailed to members of the Board.

Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Holland seconded, and the Board unanimously approved expenditures covered by Checks No. 1825 through 1839 inclusive from the general fund, and checks No. 90 through 94 inclusive from the School Counseling Fund.

A letter to the County Commissioners which the Board directed Dr. Williams to send out at its last meeting on October 12 was read to the Board by Dr. Williams who stated that no reply had been received from the County Commissioners to the above letter. Any action on this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

The Director reported on cases which the Children's Service Bureau has in foster care and Judge Marshall gave the results of recent court hearings on those cases. One of these cases involves a dark complexioned boy of Latin decent, probably Portuguese, and it was thought advisable to try to place him with a Spanish or Latin family, perhaps in Tampa, so that his sensitiveness in regard to school could be decreased.

Miss Byers of the Child Welfare Unit, District #4 Welfare Board reviewed the work of the Unit during the past year. She stated that since the inception of the Unit in June 1948, 661 children have received some service from the Unit. There were 337 new cases during the last fiscal year, October 1, 1949 through September 30, 1950. She went into detail in regard to the 12 children who have been with the Unit during all of the past year and reviewed those cases which would appear to need long-time care in the future. She explained the conditions surrounding each case.

Mr. Christian discussed the need of educational facilities for retarded children and described a re-imbusement provision of the state law which would be available if properly qualified teachers could be secured or such exceptional teachers.

The Board reviewed in detail the September reports of activities of the various agencies which it is supporting in whole or in part.

Mrs. Holland and Dr. Williams gave a report on the Florida State Conference of Social Work indicating the contributions of the Pinellas County representatives to the Conference program.

It was agreed to invite Mr. Colman to attend the next meeting of the Board and learn from him the possibility of Chief Reichert also attending a part of the meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Board would be held in St. Petersturg on Thursday, November 9, in the morning, and in the afternoon Mrs. Bartlett, Judge Marshall, and Dr. Williams would meet with the representatives of the Child Welfare Unit and go over with them the cases in foster home care at that time. It was suggested that arrangements be made for Mr. Summers to meet with the Board and describe the situation in regard to delinquency and dependency among Negro children in the County.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.