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Meeting of September 20, 1956

Held in Clearwater

Present: Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr., Chairman pro tem; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mrs. H. W. Holland, and Mr. Floyd Christian; also present Dr. Herbert D. Williams the Director.

The minutes of the Juvenile Welfare Board meeting of July 23, 1956 were approved as submitted to the members by mail.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion, which  
Expenditures carried, that expenditures on August 15, August 30, September 15, and September 30 as listed on checks #4533 through #4621 in the General Operating Account and checks #50 through #53 in the Trustee Account be approved for payment.

In discussing possible members for the Board, it was suggested that a minister be approached. Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson's term expires in October and because of her health she feels unable to carry on with the responsibilities of the membership. She wishes to continue attending Board meetings and the Board expressed the hope that she would do so. Three ministers in the Dunedin-Clearwater area were mentioned as being particularly desirable for membership on the Board: Reverend Robert Coleman of the First Christian Church of Clearwater, Reverend Timothy Johnson of the Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, and Robert Boggs of the Methodist Church of Dunedin. The Director was requested to contact these ministers in this order to determine whether they would be willing and able to serve on the Board in the event that Mrs. Jackson is unable to do so.

The financial reports for July and August were explained by the Director and it was pointed out that the increased collections from parents, social security, and survivor's benefits have made it possible to take care of more children for less money during the past eleven months. This has been helped, too, by the collections which the Juvenile Court has received from parents for the board and care of the children in foster care.

Reports regarding the number of children in foster care for July and August were submitted and showed that 86 children were in care for 2,491 days during July for a total cost of \$5,022.58. Parents and relatives contributed \$1,906.76 toward the support of these children to the District #4 Welfare Board; the Juvenile Court collected another \$695.20; and organizations and individuals contributed \$407.94, making a total of \$3,023.90 received from sources other than the Juvenile Welfare Board. This reduced the cost to the Board to \$1,998.68 or \$23.24 per child for July. In August there were 89 children in care for a total of 2,582 days at a cost of \$4,924.57. Collections from parents, organizations, Juvenile Court amounted to \$841.12, leaving the cost to the Juvenile Welfare Board \$4,083.45 or \$45.88 per child.

A report from the Children's Service Bureau on Baby Girl Frazier gave the information that this child had been placed in an adoptive home on July 24, 1956. Another report from the Child Welfare Unit indicated that Victor Swidler had been accepted in the Bellefaire Treatment Center in Cleveland and further reports would be received from the Child Welfare Unit as they received them from the treatment center.

The Director reported on the agreement with the Ministerial Association for the financial support of marriage and family counseling to the extent of part of Mrs. Dame's salary since January 1956. The ministerial Association lived up to its obligation about the salary through June and part of July, but funds have not been received since July for the payment of Mrs. Dame's salary. Mrs. Dame has continued to work on the same basis as before and it was explained that funds are available in another social worker's line for the payment of Mrs. Dame's salary for the rest of this fiscal year.

Motion:  
Mrs. Dame's Salary

Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion that Mrs. Dame's part-time salary be paid out of available funds in a social work position for the remainder of this fiscal year. The motion carried.

Motion:  
Employment of Mrs. Dame and funds from Ministerial Asso.

Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion that Mrs. Dame be employed as a marriage and family counselor for the fiscal year 1956-57 at a salary of \$5,180 and that funds received from the Ministerial Association toward the support of the marriage and family program of the Juvenile Welfare Board be placed in the Marriage and Family allotment for the use in that program. The motion carried.

Motion:  
Resolution re transfer of excess carryover funds.

Mrs. Holland moved and Mr. Christian seconded a motion that a proper resolution be prepared by the Director for submission to the Budget Commission requesting transfer of excess carryover funds to the 1956-57 Juvenile Welfare Board budget as follows: Foster Home Care \$5,000; Marriage and Family Counseling \$5,180; the balance to Other Services and Emergencies. The motion carried.

Motion:  
Agreement with Child Welfare Unit

Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion, which carried, that the Juvenile Welfare Board approve the renewal of the usual agreement with the Child Welfare Unit of the District #4 Welfare Board for the fiscal year 1956-57.

This agreement has been in effect with some slight modifications since 1948.

Mr. Christian expressed his pleasure over the reports received from Mrs. Mount regarding the kinds of problems which are being cared for through the Child Welfare Unit. He stated this was most educational and hoped that Mrs. Mount could be asked for another report at the October meeting.

Mr. Christian brought up the problem facing Pinellas County in the tremendous increase in population resulting from the transfer and development of new plants and new industries to this area and wondered whether efforts should not be made to determine something of the nature of the kind of residential diagnostic and treatment center which should be planned for the future. The Board agreed with Mr. Christian that changes would be necessary to continue to meet needs and problems presented by an ever-increasing population of juveniles, with the inevitable increase in juvenile delinquency which may be expected to come. It was stated by Judge Parks that the situation at present is good, there is not a big increase in problems, but he agrees that it is only a matter of a few years when increased problems will result. Mr. Christian requested the Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Juvenile Court Judge to explore the ways other areas are meeting these problems and assess their value for the future of Pinellas.

Judge Parks gave a report on the Juvenile Court activities and indicated that there had been a pretty satisfactory situation during the summer and he had found in attending state, regional, and national conferences of juvenile judges that the situation in Pinellas County, the resources available, and the facilities for care are better and more progressive than in most other places and that this fact is recognized by juvenile court jurisdictions in many places.

Motion:  
Mrs. Strickland's reappointment

Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Christian seconded a motion that Mrs. Strickland's name be sent in and the Governor asked to appoint her for another term as a member of the Juvenile Welfare Board. The motion carried.

The activities reports of the Juvenile Welfare Board, the Children's Service Bureau, and the Child Guidance Clinic were reviewed briefly and included in the file of activities of the Board.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held on the third Thursday of October at 9:30 A.M. in the School Administration Building.

*Kathleen E. Strickland*

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Secretary