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Meeting of September 10, 1953

Held in Clearwater.

Present were Mrs. Stickland, Chairman; Mrs. Harrison; Mrs. Holland, Mr. Christian; Judge Gardiner; and Dr. Williams, Director.

Minutes of July 9 meeting were read and approved.

The Director reported on the meeting he and Judge Gardiner, representing the Board of Juvenile Welfare, had with the Board of County Commissioners in respect to financing clinics for indigent children in need of medical care. He reported that the Board of County Commissioners had turned down the Juvenile Welfare Board's request for an allocation of funds to support these clinics during the coming fiscal year. He also reported that efforts were being made to secure contributions from interested groups for providing needed medical care.

The Director reported on a refund from an estate to the Juvenile Welfare Board for support of the Fitch children during the past year.

Motion: A motion made by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried that expenditures be approved for the July 31, August 15, August 31, and September 15 periods as covered by checks listed under those periods.

Financial statements covering the periods through July 31 and August 31 were discussed. These statements show that the Board's funds are not being over-drawn in any items and that the Board's operations for this fiscal year will stay well within the appropriations budgeted.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion that Mr. Mancuso's Resignation Employment of Mrs. Painter the resignation of Mr. Mancuso be accepted and the employment of Mrs. Ruth Painter be approved for the period of 8/15/53 through 8/31/53. This motion was carried.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion that Employment of Mr. Summers the employment of Leonard Summers, effective September 1, be approved at a salary of \$285 for September, and a salary of \$300 beginning October 1, with the Juvenile Welfare Board paying \$225 a month from its funds and the balance of \$75 a month being paid from the Juvenile Court funds. The motion carried.

Motion: Mrs. Harrison moved and Mr. Christian seconded the motion that the resignation of Miss Rosanne Hagadorn be accepted with regret and that the employment of Mrs. Carolyn Cronan effective September 1, 1953 at an annual salary of \$2040 be approved. The motion carried.

A letter from Judge Gardiner to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners outlining the changes in his staff in the court was read by Judge Gardiner. Members of the Board raised questions as to the desirability of

temporary limited employment especially for professional staff and emphasized the need for personnel practices to be set up to give the court and these employed more security. It was indicated that this would improve chances of securing and retaining better staff. Judge Gardiner stated that as soon as the court's financing had been properly stabilized, he felt such procedure would be desirable; and he would consider carrying out the provisions of the Juvenile Court Act to have the Juvenile Court Merit Board set up standards as outlined in the Juvenile Court Act.

Dr. Williams reported on the situation with reference to In-School Counseling and the present organization of the Visiting Teacher Department in the public schools. Mr. Christian agreed with him on the desirability of having a coordinator in charge of the Visiting Teacher Program. Mr. Christian also stated that he would be very glad to have the Board assign an additional social worker to the Visiting Teacher staff out of the In-School Counseling funds still available. Mr. Christian indicated that the terrific increase in school children with the consequent need for eighteen new teachers immediately would probably make it impossible for him to finance an additional visiting teacher during the coming year. Dr. Williams indicated that Mrs. Dame would not be able to return to work for some time and he doubted whether anyone could be found to carry on in the particular school counseling program at this time.

The Director said that the terrific load of adoption cases coming to the Children's Service Bureau has swamped their staff and that at the present time they would be unable to organize the Homemaker's Service approved by the Board and for which funds have been allocated in the coming fiscal year.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded the motion
Homemaker's that the Director be authorized to employ the necessary
Service staff to organize the Homemaker's Service on a temporary
basis without long-time commitments. The motion carried.

Motion: Mrs. Holland moved and Judge Gardiner seconded the motion
Purchase of two to approve the purchase of two filing cabinets for the
file cabinets Juvenile Welfare office. The motion carried.

A report was read from a committee working on plans for recognition for foster parents in the county. The Juvenile Welfare Board approved the plan as read.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Judge Gardiner seconded the motion
Recognition of that the Director be authorized to purchase four Savings
Foster Parents Bonds to be awarded to selected foster mothers, to purchase
such other supplies and refreshments as will be needed for
for the occasion, using money from contributions to the
Juvenile Welfare Board. The motion carried.

The Director reported that the Child Welfare Unit as of August 1953 had forty-six children under care for a total of 1361 days and a total of \$2,497.87. The Children's Service Bureau had under care for August five children for a total cost of \$180.86.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Judge Gardiner seconded the motion
Support of which carried that the Juvenile Welfare Board provide
Frederick Wilson funds needed for the support of Frederick Wilson and Charles
and Charles Andrew Moore to the extent requested by the Children's
Andrew Moore Service Bureau in letters under date of August 13 regard-
ing these children. The motion carried.

Motion:
Support of
 Patricia Clark

Mrs. Harrison moved and Judge Gardiner seconded a motion which carried that the Juvenile Welfare Board approve support of Patricia Clark, an abandoned child for the period 7/3/53 - 7/6/53 in the amount of \$5.58.

Motion:
Support of
 Walter Williams

Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried that the Juvenile Welfare Board approve a continuation of the support for Walter Williams in the Lyman Ward School at Camp Hill, Alabama on the same basis as approved in the past.

A letter from Mrs. Jackson expressing her regret at being unable to attend the meeting was read.

The Board adjourned after setting the date of the next meeting for the fourth Thursday of September.

Mairlande W. Holland

Mrs. H. W. Holland
 Secretary Pro Tem