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Meeting in Clearwater

November 3, 1960

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and Juvenile Court Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Miss Ruth E. Jefferson, Executive Secretary, Pinellas County License Board for Day Nurseries and Foster Boarding Homes.

The minutes of the October 6th meeting were approved as distributed.

MOTION

Expenditures

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Parks seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: checks #7257 through #7275, dated September 30; check #7276, dated October 6; checks #7277 through #7299, dated October 14; and checks #7300 through #7333, dated October 31, 1960.

The financial reports for October, and the final figures for the 1959-60 fiscal year were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck reported that as of the end of September, 1960 there remained an unexpended balance of \$12,082.39 which represented the total unexpended sums in various budget accounts, the largest of which were Marriage & Family Counseling and Contingency.

The report of children in foster care for the month of September, 1960 was reviewed. Dr. Finck announced that since Mrs. Irwin's talk with the Board in October, the number of children in foster care had further increased to 231 and, consequently, the Child Welfare Unit owes some \$3,000.00 in unpaid bills for the month of October and would incur a similar deficit in November. A letter from Mrs. Irwin regarding this serious situation was read by Dr. Finck.

MOTION

Transfer of Funds to Foster Care and Additional Allocation to State Department of Public Welfare.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Parks seconded a motion which carried, to transfer \$9,000.00 from the unexpended balances of the 1959-60 fiscal year to foster care and to pay this sum to the State Department of Public Welfare to meet the foster care emergency.

The letter was read from Mr. Robbins stating his inability to pay the amount in excess of \$2,000.00 for the care of his son at the Brown Schools. Mr. Robbins said that his income as a contractor had decreased during the present year.

MOTION

Payment of Additional Funds in Behalf of Tom Robbins

Judge Parks moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to modify the agreement with Mr. Robbins so that one-half of Tom's expenses would be paid until February, 1961.

Dr. Finck announced that at the request of the First Methodist Church of Clearwater the services of Mr. Brady Smith were being made available for a series of group discussions under the general heading of "Parents Without Partners". The Board expressed general approval of this plan.

MOTION

Juvenile Welfare Board Service Award to Mrs. Strickland

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Parks seconded a motion which carried, to make the Juvenile Welfare Board Service Award to Mrs. Kathleen Strickland in recognition of her ten years service as a member of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Dr. Finck explained that the operation of the Homemaker Service needed further study to determine just how this service could be carried out, by what agency, and on what kind of basis.

MOTION

Request to Community Welfare Council of South Pinellas to Make a Survey of Homemaker Services

Judge Parks moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to request the Community Welfare Council of South Pinellas to make a study of the Homemaker Service in the community.

Judge Parks reported that he had received a letter from the Juvenile Court of Utica, New York, inquiring about the possibilities of that Court assuming jurisdiction in the case of Linda Wohnsen who is now in the Brown Schools. Judge Parks said that he would keep the Board informed about further developments in this matter.

Miss Ruth E. Jefferson, Executive Secretary of the Pinellas County License Board, reported on the operations of the License Board and gave a summary of the activities of this agency over the past two years. Her report is included in the minutes of this meeting.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Board will be Thursday, December 1, at nine-thirty.

Virginia D. Harrison

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Secretary