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CITY AND COUNTY OF DURHAM
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August 22, 1932.

DURHAM, N. C.

Mr. D. W. Newsom,
County Manager,
Durham, N. C.

Dear Mr. Newsom:

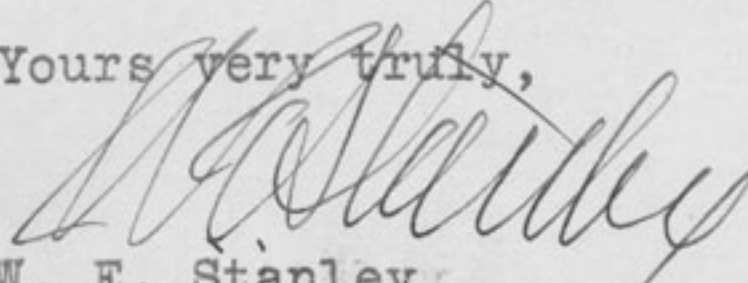
At the request of the Board of Public Welfare, and after a conference with Mrs. W. T. Bost, Commissioner of Public Welfare, I am enclosing a list of the duties and powers of the Welfare Department.

I hope that you will find time to read over these duties carefully. Many of them require a lot of time to do, and we have neglected this part of the work since the first of November.

We will strive to do our very best to build the department back up to standard. We sincerely trust that you will feel free to call on us for any service that we can render, that we are responsible for. We are going to do all we can to help Mr. Langston and the Citizen's Committee in the new relief organization. They have a big job, however, many of the unemployed have been given work for the past few days, and conditions are looking much brighter.

Assuring you again of the co-operation of the Board and each member of the department, I am

Yours very truly,


W. E. Stanley,
Supt. Public Welfare.

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Duties and Powers of the Superintendent
of Public Welfare

The County Superintendent of Public Welfare shall be the chief probation officer of every Juvenile Court in his County and shall have supervision over the work of any additional probation officer which may be appointed. Every probation officer shall have all the powers of a peace officer within the jurisdiction of the Court which he serves.

The County Superintendent of Public Welfare shall be the chief school attendance officer of the county, and shall have other duties and powers as follows:

1. To have under control of the County Commissioners the care and supervision of the poor and to administer the poor funds. This includes admission to County Home and all relief of any kind.
2. To act as agent of the State Board in relation to any work to be done by the State Board within the County. This includes the supervision and investigation of all cases of every kind that is referred by the State Department from departments from other states, and report to the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, the different activities of the department.
3. Under the direction of the State Board to look after and keep up with the condition of persons discharged from hospitals for the insane and from other State institutions. This includes all the mental defectives whether they be children or grown ups that are discharged from the insane asylums or cases dismissed from the Sanatorium and Orphanages, investigations for State Orthopedic Hospital and the State Blind and Deaf Institution of every child before they are admitted to the institution.
4. To have oversight of prisoners in the County, on parole from penitentiaries, reformatories, and all parole prisoners in the County. This includes supervision of parole of all the children that are dismissed from our State Industrial Schools and also supervising the parole of all the prisoners dismissed from the County Prisons, State Penitentiary, State Highway and Federal Prisons.
5. To have oversight of dependent, neglected, and delinquent children, and especially those on parole or probation. This includes all the children admitted to any of the Orphanages and the ones committed from the Juvenile Court to the State Industrial schools for the training of delinquents.
6. To have oversight of all prisoners in the County on probation. This includes the prisoners serving less than sixty days in the County.
7. To promote wholesome recreation in the County and to enforce such laws and regulate commercial amusement. We have a recreational department that takes care of the first part of this duty in regard to commercial amusement that refers to obscene pictures and other things that children should not be permitted to see, and other amusements that are not wholesome.
8. Under the direction of the State Board, to have oversight of dependent children placed in said county by the State Board. This includes all children placed in Durham County by other states through the State Board and also the State Institutions.
9. To assist the State Board in finding employment for the unemployed or any state agency giving employment to unemployed. This includes under the Governor's Council of Unemployment and Relief, making reports each month and assisting this department all we can, also local employment agency.
10. To investigate into causes of distress, under the direction of the State Board, and to make such other investigations in the interest of social welfare as the State Board may direct.
11. Under the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare inspect all county institutions. This refers to seeing that the State Law is observed in our County Institutions, such as feeding the inmates of the County Home and the Prisoners and seeing that they have a comfortable place to sleep. It also includes the Wright Refuge and boarding homes.

12. Under the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare supervise all Mothers' Aid cases and their families. This includes keeping in close contact each month with the families that receive aid jointly from the city and county, to see that the budget is kept and reports made each month to the department.

13. Child Labor Law provides that no child shall work more than 48 hours per week. The Welfare Department has to enforce this law. This also includes street trades by children, all of them have to have a permit from this office stating that they have complied with the regulations made by the General Assembly. The Welfare Department has the enforcing of the "Seat Law" in the stores and manufacturing plants for women, the inspection of toilets in stores, factories, etc. and to see that separate toilets are provided for each sex and color, same to be plainly marked over door and keep in a sanitary condition at all times, and also the enforcing of the 55 hour per week law and all inspections prescribed by the Child Labor Department.

14. Civilian Rehabilitation:- This department is under the supervision of the State and Federal Government on the recommendation of the local Welfare Department. A dult cripples can be educated and trained to earn a livelihood for themselves and a family. (Last year Durham received \$2200.00 from this part of the work.)

15. No child can be adopted in the city and county of Durham until the family is investigated by the Welfare Department and report filed with the Clerk of Superior Court. This also applies to foster parents in Durham County.

16. The case of all paupers who die outside of the County Home, unless it is an old soldier or widow of a soldier, has to be investigated by the Welfare Department and recommendation filed with the County Manager before they can be given a casket or a burying place furnished.

17. All cases of unmarried mothers are referred to this department for investigation and recommendations made to the parents and courts and maternity homes.

18. Legal residences: This refers especially to families who become dependents before they have lived in Durham County a year. The last Legislature made it mandatory on each County to care for their dependents.

19. No child can be placed in a boarding home in the City and County of Durham until it is approved by the Welfare Dept.

20. The last Legislature established a Boarding Home Fund whereby the City and County could participate in on a fifty-fifty basis, after investigation by the Welfare Department and same recommended by the Board of Public Welfare.

LOCALS

1. Non-Support:- Cases tried in Recorders Court, Juvenile Court and Superior Court and money paid through this office for support of same.

2. Investigation for Hospitals

3. Travelers Aid

4. Transportation - - (Laws governing charity rates)

5. Soliciting

6. Investigation for Wright Refuge

7. Investigation for Tonsillectomies cases

8. Investigation for free treatment of eyes and recommendation to some organization by Welfare Department to buy glasses

9. Investigation of those that apply to different schools in the City and County for free book rent and recommendation to the County and City Board of Education for the children that are worthy.

11. Domestic relations controversies referred to this department among parents and their children, husbands, wives and re-establishing of homes.

12. Girls over 16:- This refers especially to the cases tried in the different courts and the girls placed on probation under the supervision of the Welfare Department. It also refers to the girls that drift in from other counties and states that want to be returned to their home.

13. Investigation and recommendation to the different hospitals for free X-Ray and treatment of various kinds.

14. Investigation and recommendation of individuals that need medical treatment and report of same to Health Department and other doctors.

15. T. B. Charity Patients:- Before any individual is admitted to the State T. B. Sanatorium at one dollar per day rate, the case has to be investigated by the Welfare Department and found worthy, and then charity rates are recommended.

There are many miscellaneous things that the Welfare Department is called upon to do, in fact, every problem that any other department can not solve is sent to the Welfare Department.