

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, April 28, 2014.

Present: Eileen Lemay, Chair
Ann Dougherty, Vice Chairman
Louis Richards
Ed Edelson
Diana Mennone
Eugene Harvey, STS Director
Excused: Mark Cooper, Secretary
Drew Morten

Chairman Eileen Lemay called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:05 p.m.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Diana Mennone reported that the Council on Developmental Services met on April 10, 2014. On the agenda was a presentation by Leslie Simoes, Executive Director of The Arc Connecticut, a representative of the Connecticut Community Providers Association (CCPA), and Julia Wilcox from the Connecticut Association of Nonprofits, Inc. These organizations are all delighted that a “perfect storm” has occurred with group effort to raise awareness of the need for additional funding for DDS and House Bill 5534 (An Act Concerning the Provision of Services to Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities). “Our Families Can’t Wait”, a Connecticut advocacy group with organizational help from the New England Health Care Employees Union District 1199, has written letters, held lobby days, and joined forces which have been gaining momentum the entire legislative session.

On April 22nd the Council wrote a letter to Governor Malloy expressing appreciation for support by the Appropriations Committee in adding funding for the Priority 1 individuals on the DDS Waiting List and the increase in Family Support Grants for families who care for their loved ones at home. The Council urged the Governor to approve the Appropriations Committee’s recommendations.

Please refer to the DDS website: <http://www.ct.gov/dds>, click on the Boards & Councils link, and then on the Council for Developmental Services for any minutes submitted and legislative updates.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Population: The current population is 340. Since the last meeting, there has been one placement and two deaths.

Doctor-On-Call Procedure: The new Doctor-On-Call procedure is monitored closely with no issues to date. Lou Richards commented on what a good job Dr. Siva was doing with this new procedure.

Governor’s Task Force on the Future of STS: A Brownsfield evaluation grant of \$200,000 from DECD has been approved for STS ground’s assessment. There has been interest in the Roselle auditorium for a regional theater. Director Harvey conducted a tour for the interested party.

Cottage Update: Cottage 15 is scheduled to move to Cottage 30. A generator is needed in Cottage 30 to support residents from Cottage 15. This move is on hold until this issue can be resolved.

Ed Edelson offered the use of the town portable generator, which the Town of Southbury has in the event of a power outage to support local businesses. Director Harvey will pursue this further.

Cottage 14 and Cottage 31 will combine in Cottage 31. Six residents from Cottage 14 will be moving and the remainder of the building's residents will move to the community. Cottage 14 is scheduled to close in four to six weeks.

Cottage 7 ICF issues regarding certification are now stabilized. One revisit went well, with another revisit due in a couple weeks and then again in three months.

Renovations in Cottage 1 are progressing. This building will have multiple uses, including Psychology Department for group work with residents, conference room for IDT meetings, and a Family Resource Center.

Public Group Home in Watertown: Engineers are drawing up plans for renovations and then bond monies will need to be requested.

STS Resident Moving to California: A STS resident will be moving to California the middle of May to be near his family. Two STS staff will drive the resident, along with his belongings, to his new home; stay two days to help him get settled, and then fly back to Connecticut.

OLD BUSINESS

The request from Southbury's First Selectman, Ed Edelson, for consideration of baseball fields on STS property is still being pursued. Director Harvey is supportive of this request.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Edelson asked if STS had any storage available temporarily for inventory in boxes salvaged from the fire that destroyed a local business. Director Harvey reported that no flammable materials can be stored in any of our empty buildings due to power shut off and sprinkler system disengaged.

Ann Dougherty thanked the Board for the flower arrangement sent in memory of her brother, Michael Dougherty, who recently passed away. She also expressed appreciation for the care he received while residing at Southbury Training School.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, May 19, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room**. A suggestion was made to have the new STS ambulance available for viewing at the next meeting. There being no further business Ed Edelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ann Dougherty seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees