

**The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees
Met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School,
Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, September 28, 2015.**

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

Excused: Mark Cooper

Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair, called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:00 p.m.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Diana Mennone, the STS Board of Trustees representative to the Council on Developmental Services, reported on the following:

Meeting – June 11, 2015

Discussion included legislative updates divided into three sections – Bills proposed by DDS, 2015 bills being followed by DDS that passed and 2015 bills being followed by DDS that did not pass. The update is available on the DDS website. There is a call for a special session which is expected to be before July 1st.

There is an upcoming name change for the Voluntary Services Program (VSP) to the Behavioral Services Program. See DDS website – LATEST NEWS, Wednesday, August 5, 2015 for more details.

Meeting – July 9, 2015

Discussion included how fortunate DDS was as the final budget was very close to the Appropriations Budget. DDS Voluntary Services Program (VSP) has been renamed the DDS Behavioral Services Program (BSP). The Commissioner thanked the Council for their support and efforts in making an impression on the Governor in getting the final budget passed. Katie Rock-Burns has been named Chief of Staff. With the guidance of Blum Shapiro, there will be a new DDS Central Office Organizational Chart coming out.

Visit – September 3, 2015

A small group of council members visited Lower Fairfield Regional Center in Norwalk. A guided walking tour was given of the campus including the Administrative Building, residences and the outdoor swimming pool. Members met with DDS staff as well as residents, parents and friends of the Regional Center.

To view the minutes from the June and July 2015 meeting, go to the DDS website at www.ct.gov/dds - on left side, click on **BOARDS AND COUNCILS**, and scroll down to: **2015 MEETING SCHEDULES / MINUTES**. Find dates of **MEETINGS**; see **AGENDA** columns and **MINUTES** columns to the right.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTCurrent Population

275 as of today, September 28, 2015.

Settlement Agreement

The private consultant, Melanie Reeves Miller, officially will be the replacement for Tony Records. She will continue to observe the IP meetings to assure all requirements are being met.

Budget

Rescissions to the DDS's budget total approximately \$7.5 million for the current fiscal year (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016). There has been a 25% reduction in overtime at STS with mandatory overtime continuing to disappear.

Cottage Changes

Cottage 5 will relocate to Cottage 36 and Cottage 7 will relocate to Cottage 20. Three Personnel Village homes remain occupied. It is anticipated that one home will transfer to the community, one home will relocate to Staff House 2, and the last will be relocated to the main campus. Two cottages are slated to close. One will close this year and the other next year. As of today there are seventeen vacancies in the existing cottages. This will allow transfer of residents from the closed cottages to these vacancies.

Beautification Project

Volunteer Services has donated \$140,000 for this project. This includes new street signs; lamp posts painted and repaired with new electrical and replacement glass, gardens at the corners of C-7 and C-42, C-10 landscaping, C-4 painted doors and new flower boxes and an arbor, C-3 new garden, C-1 new landscaping, and C-36 fall designs at the entrance and at the Pavilion. The Gatehouse Café and main island areas also have new landscaping. In addition the Administration Building and Roselle have been painted along with a few of our cottages. The remainder of occupied cottages will be painted this fall.

Renovations

Remediation efforts for Fleck Hall and the Health Care Unit have been completed. Presently remediation work being done on Thompson Hall. Renovations in Staff House 2 should be completed by end of year for future residents. Cottages 15 and 17 will be slated in the near future for removal of asbestos flooring. The outside of C-4 is complete with the interior to be completed at a later date. Railings in Cottage 20 have recently been installed allowing residents to move in the first of November.

Advanced Directives

DDS does not allow advance directives from a guardian of a DDS individual with a DNR in place concerning end-of-life treatment. A new STS Operational Guideline for End-of-Life Treatment Planning for Individuals Who Have a DNR Order has been approved by the Director of Health and Clinical Services. Southbury Training School will comply with all Connecticut State Statutes and DDS Policies and procedures regarding End-of-Life Decisions, DDS Policy No. I.E.PO.007, and related procedures for Withholding and/or Withdrawing Medical Treatment and Withholding Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

The STS Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) will convene to develop an “End-of-Life Treatment Plan” if requested by the guardian after an appropriately authorized DNR order has been instituted and the individual, their family/ guardian, advocate, physician, physician assistant and/or IDT is considering withdrawing or withholding medical treatments.

OLD BUSINESS

The State Department of Agriculture is accepting permits for anyone interested in farming twelve parcels of state-owned farmland at the Southbury Training School property in Southbury and Roxbury.

First Selectman Edelson reported the Brownfield Assessment Grant Phase I of the Environmental Study of STS soil has begun with no surprise results to date.

Phase I Archaeological Assessment of the Pierce Hollow Village has been completed. This project is a 45-acre area located at the Personnel Village, which was presented to the Town of Southbury by the State of Connecticut for the expressed purpose of building affordable senior housing. No work will begin while residents remain living there.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, October 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Cottage 20.**

There being no further business, Ed Edelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 p.m.; Drew Morten seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees