

**The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees
Met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School,
Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, April 24, 2017.**

Present: Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair
Diana Mennone
Louis Richards
Mark Cooper
Eugene Harvey
Excused: Eileen Lemay, Chair

Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Diana Mennone, STS BOT Representative to the Council on Developmental Services, gave an update on the DDS Council meeting from March 16, 2017.

Izabella Pulvermacher, DDS Dental Coordinator, presented to the Council on oral health and dental services. Her role is to make sure that all 19,000 DDS individuals have quality basic oral health care. She provides training on tooth brushing to anyone who requests the training: group homes, individuals, families, staff, etc. Information can be found on the DDS website under the Advocates Corner. DDS has four dental clinics: STS, Ella Grasso, Lower Fairfield County and Norwich.

Jordan Scheff, Acting DDS Commissioner reported on the busy month testifying before the legislature. He also included in his report that the Abuse Investigations Division of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Person with Disabilities (OPA) will be moving to DDS. Currently DDS already investigates most of our own programs. At STS and the Regional Centers, the Department of Public Health (DPH) has oversight of our investigatory process. There will be an informal transitional committee for the next six or eight months. Acting Commissioner Scheff will testify before the Public Health Committee on the move.

To view the approved minutes from the March 2017 meeting, go to the DDS website at www.ct.gov/dds - click on **BOARDS AND COUNCILS**, click on **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**, scroll down to: **2017 MEETING SCHEDULES / MINUTES**. Find dates of **MEETINGS**; see **AGENDA** columns and **MINUTES** columns to the right.

To ask and receive DDS legislative updates, email the DDS Legislative and Regulations Specialist: Rod.OConnor@ct.gov . More information is available on the DDS website: www.ct.gov/dds (Legislative Affairs).

DIRECTOR'S REPORTCurrent Resident Population – 228Residential

- Cottage 31, Cottage 5 and PBR are scheduled to close within the next sixty days.
- The recently renovated Cottage 7 is scheduled to reopen to receive the residents from Cottage 5 and PBR. Cottage 31 residents to be determined for placement. A total of nine residents will be transferred to Cottage 7.
- Work has begun on new floors for Cottage 41 and is expected to be completed within three to four weeks.
- External work on the elevator for Cottage 40 has started with a 120 day deadline for completion.

Appointment

Governor Malloy appointed Jordan A. Scheff DDS Commissioner effective April 21, 2017.

CPTV

On Monday, April 10th, John Holt from CPTV made a second visit to STS to finalize his documentary. Eugene Harvey has been invited to a private preview on May 10th, 5:30 p.m. at Oak Hill.

STS Foundation

The STS Foundation moved from Roselle School to Cottage 10 effective today, April 24th.

Medical Residents Tour STS

Helena Grabo, a clinician educator with the Yale-Waterbury Internal Medicine Residency Program at Waterbury Hospital, arrived on March 31st for a second tour of our facility with her internal medicine physicians in training. In addition to visiting the Medical and Dental Clinics, Cottage 42 and interviewing with Dr. Patel, Acting Medical Director, Eugene Harvey included Day Program and additional cottages. This group was very enthusiastic and encouraged with newfound knowledge of our facility and residents. A final tour will be conducted on May 26th.

Summer Camp

Undecided at this point as approval is needed to hire summer workers to help facilitate our residents attending summer camp.

Day Program

The Day Program Supervisor will be retiring July 1, 2017. A replacement is yet to be determined. Workshops and programs that continue include the selling of eggs, cut wood and Christmas trees. The Greenhouse remains open as well as the Thrift Shops. Lisa Nelson, Day Program Instructor, is now the Director of both thrift shops due to the retirement of Carole Grimes.

Dental

The general anesthesia programs for dental procedures at St. Mary's and Bridgeport Hospitals have been closed.

OLD BUSINESS

Cottage staffing, pulls and complements were discussed, as well as, additional discussion on full day programs and STS transportation drivers picking up residents for private providers.

NEW BUSINESSNo New Business

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, May 22, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.**

There being no further business, Diana Mennone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 p.m.; Mark Cooper seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
May 1, 2017