

**The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees
Met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School,
Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, May 22, 2017.**

Present: Eileen Lemay, Chair
Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair
Diana Mennone
Louis Richards
Mark Cooper (via Conference Call)
Eugene Harvey

Eileen Lemay, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

There was no report from Diana Mennone, STS BOT Representative to the Council on Developmental Services, as the minutes from their last meeting have not been approved.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Current Resident Population – 226. Since the last meeting there have been one death and one placement in the community.

Residential

- The cottage closure process for Cottage 5, Cottage 31 and PRB is near completion. All residents have been assigned new homes with guardian approval.
- Cottage 7 is scheduled to be open by the end of June. Bathrooms will be completed within the week and new floors completed within two weeks.
- Cottage 41 floors are scheduled to be completed by the end of this week.
- The request for the elevator in Cottage 40 has been withdrawn. This expenditure cannot be justified in light of the budget crisis. However, alternate plans are being considered.

Power Plant

A recommendation to close the power plant for the summer is being considered. Staffing is an issue due to the 120 day rehire position is not available until the fall. If this is approved, only hot water will be provided during the summer. Seven buildings are not provided with hot water from the power plant; therefore, new hot water heaters will be installed in each of these buildings. The power plant will be maintained with floating boilers only until the heating season returns. Discussion continued on heat pumps installed in each building for future heating sources. A proposal for a contract to purchase four heat pumps is being considered. They will be installed in four of the residences to decide if they are operational for our purposes before considering purchasing more and closing the power plant.

CPTV

Eugene Harvey and Diana Mennone from STS were invited to a private preview of John Holt's documentary, "Building a Great Life", on May 10th, 5:30 p.m. at Oak Hill. CPTV aired this documentary on May 11th.

Medical Residents Tour STS

Helena Grabo, a clinician educator with the Yale-Waterbury Internal Medicine Residency Program at Waterbury Hospital, will bring her final group of interns to STS this Friday, May 26th, for a tour conducted by Eugene Harvey and Dr. Patel, STS Acting Medical Director.

Summer Camp

It is undecided at this point if Camp Harkness will be open this summer due to the budget crisis. Eugene has reassigned two direct care positions to organize summer camp for our residents should they be allowed to attend. Summer jobs have been approved for hire and applications have been received to provide life guards at the STS pool, assistance with grounds maintenance and Camp Harkness recreation staff.

Day Program

Anita Kalenauskas, Day Program Supervisor, is scheduled to retire July 1, 2017; but due to medical issues, she will not be returning. Donna Munson, Adult Service Supervisor, and Sandra Miles, State School Teacher, are assuming the Day Program Supervisor's responsibilities to accommodate this vacancy.

Reassign Program Supervisors

Due to a realignment of resources because of decreasing resident population at STS, a Program Supervisor has been reassigned to the West Region. Also another Program Supervisor has been reassigned to the STS Human Rights Office as a replacement for Cyndi Miller, who will be retiring November 1st.

OLD BUSINESSNo Old Business**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board will be invited to tour the newly renovated Cottage 7 during the next meeting.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, June 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.**

There being no further business, Mark Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.; Lou Richards seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
May 26, 2017