



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Privatization Contract Committee
Draft Minutes

Friday, November 12, 2021 - 12:00 P.M. Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
Via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Robert Rinker, Acting Chair
Salvatore Luciano
Albert Ilg

David L. Guay, Executive Director - ex-officio Board Member
Ryan Chester, Staff – 2021-2022 UConn Graduate Intern

1. Call to order

Robert Rinker called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM

2. Approve minutes of October 8, 2021 meeting

Approval for minutes will be tabled for the next meeting.

3. Petition by SEIU District 1199 New England concerning the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services plans to close the Hilltop Residential Program at 556 Blue Hills Avenue in Hartford replacing it with privatized services.

Robert Rinker stated that this is really a fact question. Is this a program that is being privatized? If so, it would fall under 4e-16(a) assuming that has never been privatized before. 1199 says that this is a unique program that has never been privatized. We would want to know what other program was DMHAS running that is like the one in question. The reason we are here is because they lost their lease. If they hadn't, they would still be running the program.

Albert Ilg and Salvatore Luciano agreed with Robert Rinker's comments.

Robert Rinker reviewed specifics of the letter. This was a specific program being provided in a facility. If we find out if this is de facto privatization, we could order DMHAS to complete a cost-benefit analysis.

Albert Ilg motioned to send a letter asking for a cost benefit analysis under 4e-16, seconded by Salvatore Luciano, all voted in favor.

4. Other business

No other business reported.

5. Adjournment

Albert Ilg motioned to adjourn, seconded by Salvatore Luciano, all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM

Respectfully submitted: Ryan Chester