



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY  
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Privatization Contract Committee  
Draft Minutes

Friday, December 10, 2021 - 11:00 A.M. Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board  
Privatization Committee  
Via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Robert Rinker, acting chair  
Albert Ilg  
Brenda Sisco

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 11:02 AM

2. Approve the minutes of the November 12, 2021 meeting

Albert Ilg motioned, and Robert Rinker seconded. Majority voted in favor; Brenda Sisco abstained. Motion passed.

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 he would like feedback from Rob Baril, President of SEIU District 1199 New England to the DMHAS Commissioner's letter to the Committee dated December 9, 2021. He would like to follow up with DMHAS concerning the residential care program. The claim from 1199 is that this program is unique and the only one in public service. Robert Rinker stated he is interested in finding out more about the contracts for the services.

Albert Ilg agreed with Robert Rinker's statements.

Robert Rinker stated we are committed to getting all the information from both sides to fully understand the situation and be able to make a better decision.

Brenda Sisco stated that this information gathering will help her understand the situation better.

Robert Rinker states that there are three questions. First, is this a new service that does not exist elsewhere in residential non-profit programs? Second, are the same services the clients are receiving the same as before the move to non-profit programs? If they had not lost their lease, would they have continued the program?

Robert Rinker said we will request feedback by January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 so we have time to review the feedback before the next meeting.

#### 4. Adjournment

Motioned by Albert Ilg and seconded by Brenda Sisco. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Ryan Chester