



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Privatization Contract Committee
Draft Minutes

Friday, August 12, 2022 - 11:00 A.M. Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
Privatization Committee
Via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Robert Rinker, Acting Chair
Albert Ilg
Salvatore Luciano

David L. Guay, Temporary Worker Retiree

1. Call to Order

Robert Rinker called the meeting to order at 11:17 AM

2. Approve the minutes of the December 10, 2021, meeting

Albert Ilg motioned, and Robert Rinker seconded. Robert Rinker and Albert Ilg voted in favor; Salvatore Luciano abstained due to his absence from the meeting. The minutes of December 10, 2021, were approved

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.

Acting Chair Robert Rinker opened discussion for the recused Chair Lawrence Fox. The current privatization case concerns the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and a program known as the Hilltop program. Which is a residential program for young adults with substance abuse issues. DMHAS lost the lease and decided to contract the work out. The work had been performed by members of 1199. The union filed a petition for a review.

As Acting Chair Rinker discussed beginning a narrative for the case presented by SEIU District 1199 New England regarding the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service's Hilltop Residential Program. It is the Union's claim that the Agency violated C.G.S. 4e-16(a). Since our

last meeting the Agency has responded to three questions posed by the Committee. The response from DMHAS was shared with Rob Baril, President of SEIU District 1199 New England, with a response requested for prior to this meeting. No response has been received from Mr. Baril, President of SEIU District 1199 New England.

Discussion held on what recommendation to make to the Board. Consensus that the Hilltop program no longer exists. Discussion on whether a privatization occurred or was a program simply terminated with another solution found by DMHAS.

Upon a question from Albert Ilg, Acting Chair Rinker outlined the Hilltop program in detail and the subsequent placing of the clients.

Acting Chair Rinker suggested that a narrative be finalized and presented to the Privatization Contract Committee in September. Acting Chair Rinker offered to draft a conclusion and present it to the Privatization Contract Committee for debate in September.

By consensus Acting Chair Rinker will draft a conclusion that this privatization did not meet the definition of privatization, and further describe that if this unique program were to be reconstituted then SEIU District 1199 New England has an opportunity to petition the privatization. Acting Chair Rinker will share the draft with the Privatization Contract Committee members for discussion at the September meeting.

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Albert Ilg and seconded by Robert Rinker. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: David L. Guay, Temporary Worker Retiree