



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Privatization Contract Committee
Draft Minutes

Friday, September 9, 2022 - 9:00 A.M. Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
Privatization Contract Committee
Via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Larry Fox (Chair)
Robert Rinker, Acting Chair
Albert Ilg
Brenda Sisco

David L. Guay, Temporary Worker Retiree
Jing Liang, Intern
Danny Rovero

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Robert Rinker called the meeting to order at 09:03 AM

2. Approve the minutes of the August 12, 2022, meeting

Albert Ilg motioned, and Robert Rinker seconded. Robert Rinker, and Albert Ilg voted in favor; Brenda Sisco abstained due to her absence from the meeting. The minutes of the August 12, 2022, 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 Residential program. Which is a residential program for young adults with substance abuse issues. DMHAS lost the lease on the apartments and decided to contract out the residential portion of the program. The work had been performed by members of 1199. The union filed a petition for a review.

Acting Chair Rinker discussed the narrative he developed 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, Acting Chair Rinker has drafted a decision. Discussion was held on what comments Committee members had relative to the draft decision. Acting Chair Rinker suggested if there are any corrections, additions, or deletions to that draft decision, this is not time to incorporate them.

Acting Chair Rinker entertained a motion to send the draft decision to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and SEIU District 1199 New England for their written comments on or before September 30, 2022. Brenda Sisco made the motion, and Albert Ilg seconded. Motion passed.

4. UCONN-UHP Petition

Chair Larry Fox discussed Karen Buffkin's response letter received yesterday that claims UCONN Health is not subject to review by the privatization contract committee because this entity is not a contracting agency.

Discussion held on the Board's enabling legislation and the jurisdiction question.

Brenda Sisco suggested that UCONN Health should do something in writing, and Chair Larry Fox proposed a question that whether in fact UCONN Health do all their contracting through the corporation.

5. UCONN-CEUI Petition

Chair Fox suggested waiting for UCONN's response to the Board in writing as to why they felt they didn't need to do a cost benefit analysis or a cost effectiveness analysis. UCONN is working on its response, which it expects to file by close of Business today.

6. Other business

No other business to report

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Brenda Sisco and seconded by Albert Ilg. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: Jing Liang, Intern