

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in the Moser Library at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, February 22, 2010.

Present: Ann Dougherty, Chair
Eileen Lemay, Vice-Chair
Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary
Mark A. R. Cooper
Marc J. Taylor, M.D.
Louis Richards
Eugene Harvey, Director, STS

Excused: Ted Walen

Guests: Emily Morgante, R.N., STS Foundation
Sally Bondy

Ms. Dougherty called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:03 p.m.

MINUTES

All trustees via e-mail approved the November 16, 2009 minutes on November 23, 2009.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Dougherty introduced Emily Morgante, R.N., Executive Director of the Southbury Training School Foundation. The Foundation was originally organized and funded to enrich the lives of the residents of STS. In the beginning, the Director of STS regularly made medical decisions about residents who had no guardians. This practice was declared legally unacceptable (except in emergencies), so the Foundation established a guardianship program for residents who had nobody to act as guardian. In 1996, the Foundation hired Ms. Morgante to provide professional leadership to the guardianship program.

The Foundation provides guardianship for 106 residents who reside at STS and fifty-three residents in the community, and advocacy services to thirty STS residents. The Foundation is also stand-by guardian for thirty-six residents. Due to STS cottage closures and the need for first-floor accommodations and other medical considerations, seventy-three STS residents will be moving into a different cottage; and of these, twenty-three are STS Foundation wards. Ms. Morgante advocates for each of these residents.

Ms. Morgante stated more openings in the community are becoming available to place STS residents. She looks at future needs to be sure Foundation residents are placed in appropriate homes to deal with future aging and medical needs.

The Foundation office is open five days a week and is on grounds. Ms. Morgante meets with the residents regularly, attends Programmatic Review Committee meetings to assure each resident

receives the supports and services they need; and makes hospital visits once a week, communicating with doctors to assure the best care is provided for the Foundation's wards who have been hospitalized.

Following a brief discussion, the Board thanked Ms. Morgante for her informative presentation.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

In Ted Walen's absence, the minutes for the Council on Developmental Services meeting can be obtained by going to the DDS web site, clicking on the Boards & Councils link, and then on the Council for Development Services.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Messier Case:

Court began on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Sue Gant, Ph.D., was the first witness for the plaintiffs. Ms. Jones, Court Monitor in D.C., gave testimony on Thursday, February 18th, for the plaintiffs. The judge cancelled court for the week of February 22nd in the event a settlement can be reached and will resume on Monday, March 1st, if needed.

Cottage Closures:

There is an \$830,000 deficit in STS overtime budget; therefore, Cottage 2, Cottage 8, Cottage 9/19 and PV-3 will close to help offset this deficit. The same process that was used in past cottage closures is being applied today and is going well. April 1, 2010 is the deadline for all the resident moves. The Foundation and all guardians have been involved in this process. Providing familiar staff to accompany these residents to their new home will also be considered.

Cottage 34:

Renovations in Cottage 34 are almost complete and the building, which will open in two to three weeks, will be a new home to approximately twenty-two residents. An Open House is planned and the Board of Trustees will be invited.

Newspaper Articles:

Eugene discussed the two newspaper articles regarding STS. One was printed in the *Hartford Courant* and the other in the *New London Day*.

Dr. On Call:

A proposal to have STS Doctors be on call from their home from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. was put on hold. More discussion and research are needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Marc Taylor updated the Board on the State of Connecticut's Farmland Preservation Program. There are three options to be considered regarding this program: 1) the State retains ownership of farmland preservation property, including STS property; 2) the State can hold an easement

and the land sold to the farmers; or 3) the government can issue an Executive Order to protect this land. Future discussion will be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

Ann Dougherty announced that Ted Walen has resigned from the Council on Developmental Services. This will be an agenda item for the March meeting.

Ann Dougherty requested suggestions for the Guest Speaker for the March 2010 meeting. It was decided to ask Dr. Michael Barberie, STS Psychiatrist.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, March 22, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in Moser Library.**

There being no further business, Dr. Taylor moved that the meeting adjourn at 2:20 p.m., Dr. Bondy seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
March 1, 2010