

**The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees
Met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School,
Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, June 24, 2019.**

Present: Eileen Lemay, Chair
Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair
Diana Mennone
Eugene Harvey

Excused: Mark Cooper

Eileen Lemay, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. beginning with the committee touring the new Day Program locations in Cottage 8 and Cottage 4 by Director Harvey.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Report on DDS Council Meetings

*Presented by Diana Mennone to the STS Board of Trustees on June 24, 2019
March 21, 2019, April 11, 2019, May 2, 2019*

March 21, 2019, Meeting held at DDS Central Office

General discussion of Legislative Breakfast was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Council members felt it was a success.

Discussion of topics for future meetings - visit to Hospital for Special Care. Special meeting of the Council will be held at the Hospital for Special Care on April 11, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. April 18th meeting at DDS Central Office cancelled.

Legislative Update was given by Rod O'Connor.

There was a discussion of several bills that the department testified on during the Legislative session. See minutes on DDS Website.

Commissioner's Report - Jordan Scheff

Commissioner Scheff discussed the testimony to the Appropriations Committee and the Appropriations Health Subcommittee on various items in the Governor's budget. Answers provided to the Health Subcommittee workgroup were well received.

There was a discussion about the Step-Up / Step-Down Unit on the Hartford Regional Center campus. Three referrals have been received. Various hospitals have expressed gratitude to DDS for this Unit because it allows the hospitals to discharge individuals to the more appropriate care provided there. The Unit staff is now pairing individuals with appropriate qualified providers to transition them from the Unit and into a home. The Unit is available to any individual who might require its services.

April 11, 2019, Meeting held at Hospital for Special Care, (HSC) New Britain, CT

Council members were given a tour of the Hospital and Good Cause Gifts. A presentation on programs and services was given by Wendy DeAngelo, Vice-President, Development and Communications for HSC and Dr. Neil Stein, DDS Council member and physician at HSC. DDS Council member Pamela DonAroma of Futures, Inc. gave an overview of Good Cause Gifts, the gift shop at HSC. It provides jobs and a supportive work environment for persons with intellectual disability.

Topics for future Council meetings were discussed.

May 16, 2018 DDS Council meeting cancelled but a special meeting was held on May 2, 2019. I was absent from this meeting. See DDS website for detailed minutes.

To view the Council on Developmental Services Approved Minutes from 2019 and earlier meetings, go to the **DDS website** at www.ct.gov/dds - click on **BOARDS and COUNCILS**, click on **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**, scroll down and click on: **2019 MEETING SCHEDULE** (Agenda & Minutes). Find dates of **MEETINGS**, Click on appropriate Agenda column and/or Minutes column for that meeting. To view 2018 approved minutes & earlier, scroll down below 2019, click on the year you are requesting. Find dates of **MEETINGS**; see **AGENDA** columns and **MINUTES** columns.

To ask and receive DDS legislative updates, email the DDS Legislative and Regulations Specialist: Rod.OConnor@ct.gov. More information is available on the DDS website: www.ct.gov/dds (Legislative Affairs).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Current resident population is 173. This is eight fewer since our last meeting with three placements and five deaths.
- On May 20, 2019 the STS Ambulance Service ceased to exist. Southbury Ambulance has been providing service on campus. So far there have not been any major issues. STS still provides Fire and First Responder EMS.
- Cottage 4 reopened as a Day Program on April 29, 2019. There are five Day Program staff assisted by Direct Care staff and twenty-three individuals in the program. Cottage 5 will be reopened as the Nursing Department this week and then Cottage 6 can be renovated for a Day Program for Cottage 7A.
- Fifteen part-time Direct Care Staff have been hired and trained and started in the cottages last Friday. Nine summer workers also started in complement last Friday and an additional twenty-one began training. Lisa Pelella has been hired as a full-time Investigator with the Department of Investigations Office at STS.
- The closure of Cottage 16 is going well. Nine of sixteen residents have been placed effective today and the remainder will be place by the 28th of June. The process for staff transfers has begun.
- Patricia Panasci, Unit I Director, has retired but agreed to come back as a Temporary Worker Retiree until December.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board's recommendation to fill one of the vacancies on the STS Board of Trustees by Ms. Sandra O'Neill will be finalized and then forwarded to Governor Lamont for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board requested Francisco J. Suarez, D.M.D., as a guest speaker at the next meeting. Dr. Suarez joined the Dental Department at Southbury Training School last October.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, September 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.**

There being no further business, Diana Mennone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 p.m.; Ann Dougherty seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
July 1, 2019