

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in the Moser Library at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, May 18, 2009.

Present: Ann Dougherty, Chair
Eileen Lemay, Vice-Chair
Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary
Louis Richards
Marc J. Taylor, M.D.
Ted Walen

Eugene Harvey, Director, STS

Absent: Mark A. R. Cooper

Guest: Trooper First Class John Moreno

Ms. Dougherty called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:02 p.m.

MINUTES

The April 27, 2009 minutes were approved by all trustees via e-mail on April 30, 2009.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Dougherty introduced Trooper First Class John Moreno, Community Resources Officer at STS for the last three years. Trooper Moreno has twenty years of service with the State Police, beginning with Troop L in Litchfield and then with Troop A in Southbury. His responsibilities include, but are not limited to: criminal investigations, assaults, domestic violence, accident investigations, checking empty buildings, parking issues, and motor vehicle accident investigations. All motor vehicle laws are strictly enforced, including cell phone use while driving. Trooper Moreno works closely with the Abuse/Neglect Committee on the improvement of client safety; these efforts have resulted in improved crosswalks, signs, and speed bumps throughout the campus. Trooper Moreno is available to assist staff as needed—questions, advice, direction—and he fingerprints staff who apply for commercial licenses to transport clients.

In addition to using his assigned cruiser for patrol, Trooper Moreno is Mountain Bike Certified; and when time allows, this provides enhanced accessibility to hard-to-reach places on grounds. He has found this encourages communication with staff and clients.

Security at the Farm area is a concern for Trooper Moreno, as this area is not open to the public. Although the property is posted, trespassing and illegal hunting have been observed. Day Services is developing a farming program for clients and their safety is the utmost concern. Additionally, some of the farmland is leased by local farmers. Therefore, Trooper Moreno routinely patrols this area.

Trooper Moreno has participated in Special Olympics fundraisers, including the Penguin Plunge and Tip A Cop . He oversees security for various activities held during the year at STS, such as the Housatonic Hills Bike Race, STS Summer Concert Series, Roaring 20's Antique & Classic Car Show, and the Town of Southbury Celebration.

Troop A provides back-up coverage during Trooper Moreno's off hours and on weekends. The Board thanked Trooper Moreno for his presentation.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Mr. Walen summarized the issues listed below, which were discussed at the May 14 Council Meeting. (The agenda and minutes for this meeting can be obtained by going to the DDS website, clicking on the Boards & Councils link, and then on the Council for Development Services.)

- Transition to Fee for Services
- Summer Respite Program
- Case Management Services
- Status of Anticipated Placements
- Commissioner O'Meara's Update

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Harvey presented the following:

Budget: The unions have agreed to the concession package worked out between the State and SEBAC. The good news is there will be no layoffs; the bad news is the anticipated loss of experienced staff who will be participating in the retirement incentive program.

Governor Rell has initiated a state vehicle travel ban two days a week. This is for non-essential travel. Per a previous directive, state agencies have already returned some of their vehicles. The vehicles turned in by STS have not affected Southbury client programming.

Summer Workers. STS has been given approval to hire summer workers, starting June 5, although the numbers have been reduced from previous years.

Legislative Program Review Plan on Aging. Mr. Harvey will give the trustees copies of this report at the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Taylor has not received any updates on the Land Preservation Bill although it's his understanding that the Department of Agriculture is requesting that some of the bill's wording be changed. Dr. Taylor hopes to have additional follow-up for the next Board meeting.

The approved Heritage Village sewer hookup will be effective as of 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dougherty will be meeting with Mr. Harvey during the summer months and will email the Board regarding any budget developments that might occur during this time.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, June 22, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in Moser Library**. Laurence Doran, Day Services Director and Chair of the Risk Management Committee, will be the guest speaker.

There being no further business, Dr. Bondy moved the meeting adjourn at 1:53 p.m. Dr. Taylor seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb
Recording Secretary

Philip K. Bondy, M.D.
Secretary

Approved by STS Board of Trustees
May 28, 2009