

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in the Moser Library at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, November 16, 2009.

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

Excused: Louis Richards

Guests: Marie Faynor, D.D.S., Felix Wagher, D.M.D.  
Sally Bondy

Ms. Dougherty called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:01 p.m.

#### **MINUTES**

All trustees via e-mail approved the October 26, 2009 minutes on October 30, 2009.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Ms. Dougherty introduced Marie Faynor, STS Lead Dentist, and Felix Wagner, STS Part-Time Dentist. The Dental Clinic is decorated in holiday themes throughout the year, currently with the Thanksgiving theme. Volunteer Services recently purchased a new television with DVR/DVD for the Clinic, which helps to relax the patients during procedures since each patient has their own choice of viewing material. The Clinic receives an average of 50 to 75 new patients from the community each year. Dental surgery is no longer performed under general anesthesia at the Clinic as these procedures are now done through referrals to outside hospitals. Due to aging issues with our patients, there are more and more outside referrals.

The Clinic has two students in training from Briarwood College who come every week and perform exams, take x-rays, perform cleaning procedures and track follow-up appointments. They are supervised by their own clinical instructor and also by STS dentists. This additional resource allows increased frequency each patient can be seen on a routine basis, which is twice a year.

Budget issues have had an impact on acquiring supplies. All orders are subject to a justification process and must be purchased from approved vendors. The dentists can call or e-mail Eugene Harvey, STS Director, with their concerns with supplies, and he will expedite any orders needed in a timely fashion.

Following a brief discussion, the Board thanked Dr. Faynor and Dr. Wagher for their informative presentation.

**COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Ted Walen reported on a presentation by Izabella Pulvermacher, DDS Dental Coordinator, and interjected some of Ms. Pulvermacher's findings during Dr. Faynor and Dr. Wagner's presentation. In her opinion dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants who have not received clinical education for individuals who have developmental disabilities are unlikely to choose to care for them in their practices. To educate future dental professionals, she will lecture to 4<sup>th</sup> year dental students at UConn; mentor Briarwood dental hygiene students; make presentations to dental hygienists as part of their continuing education; and provide an introductory lecture to UConn nursing students as part of their educational experience in the department. Mr. Walen concluded with his opinion that Ms. Pulvermacher is doing a very creative job for Dental Health.

Discussion followed regarding the difficult budgetary situation, which is currently being reviewed by the state. Further cuts in the department budget are anticipated, but the impact on STS is not known at this time.

(The minutes for this 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**

**Consent Decree:**

Eugene Harvey reported that Judge Burns has signed the Consent Decree Release.

**Messier Case:**

This case is ongoing and consultants will be at STS in December. A brief discussion followed regarding STS's response by Attorney Thomas B. York to the Plaintiff's Proposed Remedial Orders. The consensus was that the Messier Case remedies stated in the document would be very costly for the state.

**Pool Nurses:**

A Pool Nurse Contract was signed allowing additional resources from private contractors. These nurses will be trained in administering to our population and will be used only to prevent mandatory overtime.

**Legislative Tour:**

Eugene will conduct a tour with Connecticut Legislators, Representatives from Offices of Fiscal Analysis, and one Board of Trustees member on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, which will include several cottages, the Health Care Unit and the Dental Clinic.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Marc Taylor updated the Board on the State of Connecticut's Farmland Preservation Program. All farmland looked at by this program has a rating system. STS farmland has a very high rating, and thus a high priority, and is worthy of preservation. One option would be to place a conservation easement on the farmland to be held by another entity. A report is due on January 15, 2010.

The 2010 Meeting Dates and the BOT Roster with Contact Information was presented. Mark Cooper moved to accept the 2010 Meeting Dates and the BOT Roster with Contact Information. Ted Walen and Dr. Bondy seconded; opposed none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ann Dougherty requested suggestions for the Guest Speaker for the January 2010 meeting. It was decided to determine this at a later date.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, January 25, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in Moser Library.**

There being no further business, Dr. Bondy moved that the meeting adjourn at 2:05 p.m., Dr. Taylor seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees  
November 23, 2009