

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in the Moser Library at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, October 26, 2009.

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

Eugene Harvey, Director, STS

Guests: Genevieve SanAngelo, Director of Human Rights  
Chairman, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Self-Advocates Conference  
On Personal Health and Well Being  
Sally Bondy

Ms. Dougherty called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:07 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

All trustees via e-mail approved the September 28, 2009 minutes on October 5, 2009.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Ms. Dougherty introduced Genevieve SanAngelo, Director of Human Rights and Chairman of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Self Advocates Conference on Personal Health and Well Being. The main purpose of the Human Rights Office is to conduct investigations of abuse and /or neglect concerning STS residents. She also chairs the Life Skills Committee and the Annual Self Advocates Conference. The Life Skills Committee works with all residents by teaching and training them to recognize abuse/neglect, to report, and most important to prevent. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Self Advocates Conference was recently held on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Courtyard by Marriott in Waterbury. The goal of the conference is for self-advocates to have the opportunity to learn and practice skills that help them have healthy lives. The keynote speaker was Scot Haney, Channel 3 Weatherman, who spoke on "Weather Safety Tips." Tips on community and home safety were shared as well. This event is sponsored by STS Volunteer Services and supported by the West Region.

Ms. SanAngelo is also chairman for the Abuse/Neglect Prevention Awareness Committee. Two quilts have been made using individual squares designed by our residents, with each depicting ways to be safe. One quilt will be auctioned to raise moneys for future abuse/neglect prevention initiatives, and the other will be displayed at STS. The committee also designs and distributes calendars to raise awareness of this issue.

Ms. SanAngelo continued by addressing a few questions from the board concerning abuse/neglect allegations. She stated the number of allegations has decreased over the years, which she attributed to supervision, increased awareness due to ongoing training, thorough investigations and follow-through. However, there is an increase in SIOU (Severe Injury of Unknown Origin) mostly to elderly residents with a diagnosis of osteoporosis. Ongoing training is also provided to address these and other aging issues.

### **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Ted Walen reported that most of the meeting had been devoted to discussions of the Connecticut Budget. OPM, Office of Policy and Management, is responsible for informing the Governor about the state's financial situation. Taxes are not generating as much revenue as in the past, which makes developing a meaningful budget difficult. Sixteen Group Homes have been selected to be privatized, with an additional Group Home slated to close.

(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**

#### **Messier Case:**

Eugene Harvey reported there would be a February hearing in the Messier Case with Judge Burns. He also shared STS's response by Attorney Thomas B. York to the Plaintiff's Proposed Remedial Orders. This document was provided to the BOT members, who were asked to review it and present any questions at the next meeting.

#### **Fleck Hall:**

The closure of Fleck Hall, an administrative building, has been announced. The closure reflects the continued downsizing of the facility and will enable us to better maintain those buildings still in use. There were many issues with the electrical system at Fleck Hall.

#### **Swine Flu Vaccine:**

500 vials of the Swine Flu vaccine have been received at STS for our residents.

#### **SNF vs. ICF:**

A discussion regarding Cottage 18 becoming a SNF (Skilled Nursing Facility) was presented. Eugene also presented a previous discussion with STS personnel about having the HCU building fall under ICF regulations. Since Cottage 37, a wing of the HCU, is already ICF certified, it would be an alternate plan to add the HCU to Cottage 37's Provider Number. If this proves possible, Cottage 18 could be used for another purpose, and considerable construction cost could be saved. Discussion is still ongoing regarding both these issues.

**Tour:**

There will be a tour with State Senator Andrew Maynard from the 18<sup>th</sup> District. At Ann Eaton's request, Eugene has made arrangements to meet the Senator, along with some BOT members, on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Marc Taylor reported that the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board is considering preserving STS farmland. Because the CT Department of Agriculture did not have sufficient staff to do the necessary studies, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been providing staff to help the subcommittee assigned to this task. No report has yet been made.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ann Dougherty requested suggestions for the Guest Speaker for the November meeting. It was decided to invite Dr. Marie Faynor, STS Lead Dentist.

Ann also distributed the 2010 BOT Meeting calendar and the BOT roster with contact information. After review, this will be presented for approval at the November meeting.

**Slate of Officers for 2010 was presented:**

Ted Walen presented the following slate of officers for 2010:

Ann Dougherty, Chair

Eileen Lemay, Vice-Chair

Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary

Ted Walen, Council on Developmental Disabilities

Dr. Taylor moved to have the new Board and the Representative to the Council on Developmental Disabilities voted on in one general motion. Dr. Bondy seconded; opposed none. The vote for the 2010 Slate of Officers was unanimous.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, November 16, 2009, 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

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees  
October 30, 2009