

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, May 24, 2010.

Present: Ann Dougherty, Chair
Eileen Lemay, Vice-Chair
Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary
Louis Richards
Ted Walen
Jackson Pierre-Louis, Assistant Regional Director

Excused: Mark Cooper
Marc J. Taylor, M.D.
Eugene Harvey, Director, STS

Guests: Dr. Victor Waters, STS Medical Director
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 April 26, 2010 minutes on April 30, 2010.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Dougherty introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Victor Waters, STS Medical Director. This report is a follow-up to his presentation one year ago. The total death rate remains low as well as the unexpected/sudden death rate. Most of our residents who require hospitalization routinely go to Waterbury Hospital, as Dr. Waters has a very good relationship with this hospital. He has scheduled a meeting next week with St. Mary's Hospital in order to take some of the burden from Waterbury Hospital. Last week he met with Danbury Hospital personnel to give a speech on complicated ethics issues and also to address communication issues. The Medical Director of Danbury Hospital has given permission for STS Medical Department to be electronically connected to their data base. This will promote better understanding and knowledge of our residents' conditions while hospitalized. A new policy has been developed at STS in which our nurses will be instructed to visit our residents who are hospitalized for the purpose of collecting pertinent information before being discharged. If an additional step is needed before discharge, one of our medical doctors will be included in this visitation process. This will assure that all medical issues have been addressed before the resident is sent back to STS. The community DDS residents are in need of dental services and general medical services; therefore, our doors will be open to treat these residents; although if urgent and/or acute care is needed, these residents will be referred to a hospital. Another new policy has been developed for out-patient procedures that require anesthesia. Once the attending physician has cleared his patient to go home, he/she will be sent directly back to his/her cottage. The Direct Care Staff and nursing staff will continue to observe this patient and, if needed, the patient will be returned to the hospital for monitoring. J-tube issues have also been revised, working with the radiologists and using different tubes to avoid return trips to hospitals for replacement. During this past year, STS received 500 vaccines for Swine Flu, with only two reported cases. Dr. Waters has contracted with Connecticut Hospice to provide services to our residents while still in their homes.

Following a brief discussion, the Board thanked Dr. Waters for his informative presentation.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Lou Richards reported on the recent meeting of the Council on Developmental Services. Several bills were passed, in addition to much discussion on the budget. The next meeting will be held at Camp Harkness. The minutes for the Council on Developmental Services meeting can be obtained by going to the DDS web site: <http://www.ct.gov/dds> clicking on the Boards & Councils link, and then on the Council for Development Services.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jackson Pierre-Louis, Assistant Regional Director, presented this report in the absence of Eugene Harvey.

A follow-up to the Fire in Cottage 22:

All damage related to this fire has been repaired and the residents have returned to the building.

Messier Case:

Talks between attorneys and plaintiffs are continuing and it is anticipated that a settlement will be reached in the next few months.

Manager on Call:

The Manager on Call system is in the second week of operation and, so far, everything is going smoothly with no major issues.

Telephone System:

STS has been ordered to update our Switchboard. The new equipment has been approved for upgrade and will be installed by this August. STS will be transferring the responsibility of emergency 911 calls to the Town of Southbury. State police will be responsible for dispatching all 911 calls received from cell phones. Our current telephone system will also be upgraded to include "dial by name" features amongst others.

NEW BUSINESS

Ann Dougherty requested suggestions for the guest speaker for the June 28, 2010 meeting. It was recommended the Board ask Judi Blanchet, Director of Nursing.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, June 28, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room.**

There being no further business, Dr. Bondy moved that the meeting adjourn at 2:10 p.m., Ted Walen seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
May 28, 2010