

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, October 25, 2010.

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

Guests: Kathy Hanewicz, Risk Management 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 September 27, 2010 minutes on October 4, 2010.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Ms. Dougherty introduced the guest speaker, Kathy Hanewicz, Risk Management Director. The process of looking at trends relating to minor injuries, falls and client to client Incidents began in 1998 when the Special Master was assigned to STS. This process has evolved over the years and is all encompassing. Interdisciplinary Teams from each cottage meet every week to discuss risk injury issues. A Core Risk Management Committee also meets each month. The Committee includes representatives from various departments on grounds. This committee focuses primarily on prevention of falls and minor injuries due to our aging population. Balance problems are addressed by the use of gait belts and ongoing training of staff to recognize these changes in our residents. The Sloan Fitness Center continues to provide services with these issues. Inattentive staff issues were also a concern of the Committee. The Director reconfirmed reporting these issues to a Cottage Charge if observed. Due to the efforts of Risk Management there has been a decreasing trend in this area. Following a brief discussion, the Board thanked Kathy for her informative presentation.

#### **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Lou Richards reported on the recent meeting of the Council on Developmental Services. The minutes for this 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**

##### **Messier Settlement Agreement Hearing:**

The Settlement Hearing took place on October 4, 2010, with a packed courtroom. Parents and Guardians spoke highly of the services at STS. Many family members addressed the Judge on the issue of readmission. The Judge is expected to rule soon.

The court-appointed Remedial Expert for the Settlement Agreement, Mr. Tony Records, toured part of STS last week and will return this week for additional tours and meeting of staff.

**Cottage Closures:**

The closures of Cottage 21 and Cottage 33 are complete and residents are adapting well to their new homes.

**Cottage 18 and Cottage 7A:**

The renovations continue in Cottage 18 and are going well. Judge Burns and the STS Board of Trustees will be invited to the re-opening of this building. The renovations for Cottage 7A have begun for a future HCU.

**Medical Director:**

The position of STS Medical Director has not been filled to date. Two candidates were interviewed, Dr. Leibowitz and Dr. DeCandia. Dr. Leibowitz has withdrawn and the position has been offered to Dr. DeCandia, who has not yet made a decision.

**Nursing/PT/Speech Positions:**

STS has received a verbal approval for automatic refill of nursing positions. Also approval has been received to fill PT/Speech position and a part-time physical therapist.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Nominations for Officers of the Board:**

President Dougherty discussed the duties of the Board of Trustees. She then withdrew her name for any nomination for the 2010-11 Board. After further discussion, it was decided to table the nominations until the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The BOT meeting dates for 2011 and the 2010-11 roster with contact information was distributed. The Director recommended Tony Records as the next guest speaker.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, November 15, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room.**

There being no further business, Dr. Taylor moved that the meeting adjourn at 2:38 p.m., Mark Cooper seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees  
October 29, 2010