

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees Meeting met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, April 25, 2011.

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

Eileen Lemay, Chair, 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 March 28, 2011 minutes on March 31, 2011.

### **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Lou Richards reported on the recent meeting of the council. Deb Heinrich was introduced as the Non-Profit Liaison to the Governor and discussed her role with the new administration to support the role of the non-profit providers. A change in the by-laws will be voted on in June to change terminology from mental retardation to intellectual disability. Also to be voted on in June will be the availability of Council members to have permission to teleconference or videoconference Council meetings. 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**

#### **New DDS Commissioner:**

Eugene was invited to meet the new DDS Commissioner, Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D. this morning, as his official duty begins today. Eugene will arrange a tour of STS with Dr. Macy in the near future. He also will be invited as the Guest Speaker at the Board of Trustees Meeting in May.

#### **Farm I Move to Cottage 18:**

One half of the residents of Farm I are moving today to Cottage 18, and the remaining residents will move on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The two Open Houses for the newly renovated Cottage 18 held on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, were well attended.

#### **Renovations:**

The renovations in Cottage 7A and Cottage 42 are on schedule and should be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Administration Building and Roselle have problems with leaking roofs which will be addressed this summer.

#### **Governor's Budget:**

All departments were asked to submit a 10% reduction plan as a contingency if concessions are not made by employees.

**911 Emergency System:**

The 911 Emergency System with the Town of Southbury is still not in operation. The Attorney General's office has assigned an attorney to assist with this process.

**IDT Training Curriculum:**

The new curriculum for training staff on how to make recommendations for the most integrated setting for each individual resident will be presented at the June board meeting by Mr. Records, the Remedial Expert. Initial practice sessions will be conducted in the next few weeks in order to make any changes necessary with staff before presenting to the Board of Trustees. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Records will electronically send the curriculum to all board members.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Woodbury Litchfield Hills Foxhounds Inc.:**

The proposal to allow foxhounds to be kenneled and fox hunts to be conducted on STS farmland was discussed at length by the board. Dr. Marc Taylor provided information on surrounding Land Trusts from Watertown and Southbury, which had no personal experience with kenneling the dogs or fox hunts. Only the First Selectman of Woodbury was familiar with the club and believed this tradition should continue and would be good for his town. Issues and concerns from the board:

- 1) Provision of water and sewer services by STS.
- 2) Allowing a private club to use the property would set precedent.
- 3) Nothing should be done until Farm I is completely moved.
- 4) A bill pending in the Legislature and sponsored by the Southbury Land Trust will reserve the farm for agricultural purposes. While this bill is pending, we should not make possibly conflicting arrangements for part of the farmland.
- 5) Mr. Platt, who leases STS farmland, is unaware of this request and may not approve.

Eugene will check with Mr. Platt regarding this issue before a decision is made by the board.

**Dr. Marc Taylor – CT Farmland Bill #5203 Update:**

Dr. Taylor reported the governor may not want to pass this bill this year. The Southbury Land Trust will pursue again next year, if necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, May 23, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the STS Director's Conference Room**. The new DDS Commissioner, Terrance Macy, will be invited as the Guest Speaker.

There being no further business, Dr. Bondy moved the meeting adjourn at 2:11 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  
April 29, 2011