

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees Meeting met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, June 27, 2011.

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

Ted Walen, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:10 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

All trustees via e-mail approved the May 23, 2011 minutes on May 31, 2011.

### **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Lou Richards reported that a draft of the five-year plan for DDS will be submitted in September by the Commissioner. 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**

#### **Legislative Update:**

The following four Agency Bills passed the legislature this session:

- 1) S.B. 885 Act permitting inquiry access to the Department of Developmental Services' Abuse and Neglect Registry for charitable organizations which recruit volunteers to work with persons with intellectual disabilities. These organizations are now required to apply to and get approval from the DDS Commissioner before accessing the registry.
- 2) H.B. 6278 Act concerning the Department of Developmental Services Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services. This bill makes technical changes updating terminology used by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in its provision of autism services.
- 3) H.B. 6279 Act concerning revisions to statutes relating to the Department of Developmental Services including the utilization of respectful language when referring to persons with intellectual disability. This bill updates terminology used by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA) in their provision of services.
- 4) H.B. 6314 Act concerning the sexual assault of persons placed or receiving services under the direction of the Commissioner of Developmental Services. This bill makes it 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree or 4<sup>th</sup>-degree sexual assault under these circumstances. This addition to the criminal statutes clarifies a loophole in existing law.

However, S.B. 1059 Act implementing the recommendations of the commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes died in the Senate.

**Program Review and Investigation Committee:**

Eugene Harvey and the West Region Director, Fritz Gorst, met with this committee to discuss a study being conducted which will compare the cost of providing public and private services (residential and day) to individuals with intellectually disabilities who are clients of the Department of Developmental services (DDS) and receive 24-hour care in community or institutional setting, to determine the most cost-effective means to deliver those services.

**Renovations:**

The renovations in Cottage 7A and Cottage 42 continue although the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for completion of work in Cottage 42 seems unlikely to be met.

**911 Emergency System:**

The process of transferring the 911 Emergency System to the town of Southbury is still in negotiation. Discussions continue.

**Provider Fair:**

The Provider Fair held on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, was well attended by both private providers and STS families and guardians. This was an opportunity for families and individuals to learn about community-based service providers. The private providers were impressed with the STS facility and the parents' and guardians' inquiries.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, September 26, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the STS Director's Conference Room**. Commissioner Macy has confirmed he will be attending the October 24<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting as the guest speaker.

There being no further business, Dr. Bondy moved the meeting adjourn at 2:00 p.m., Ann Dougherty seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Philip K. Bondy, M.D., Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees  
June 30, 2011