

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees Meeting met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, October 24, 2011.

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

Guests: Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D, Commissioner  
Sally Bondy

Eileen Lemay, Chair, called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:02 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

All trustees via e-mail approved the September 26, 2011 minutes on September 30, 2011.

### **GUEST**

Eileen Lemay introduced the guest speaker, Commissioner Terrence Macy, who has a long history of supporting residents in institutions and also transitioning residents out in the community. He respects the people who call STS their home and the staff who support them, and fully supports the Settlement Agreement in *Messier vs. STS*. Therefore, there is no plan to suddenly close Southbury Training School. He is currently working with budget and retirement issues. The facility is maintaining standards for court requirements regarding adequate staffing. Concerns regarding STS residents placed in the community who may require special medical care and nursing home placements were questioned. The Commissioner stated the community does provide adequate skilled private providers who can deal with any medical issues, and ending up in a nursing home is not an option. Other concerns expressed by the Board were the issues of ICF/MR care in the community and comparison cost of care for each resident living at STS vs. the community. The Commissioner stated there is ICF/MR care in the community; and the cost for residents living at STS is three times the amount as those who live in the community. He also stated that he is committed to keeping open space and operational farm land at STS. Following a brief discussion, the Board thanked Commissioner Macy for his informative presentation.

### **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Lou Richards reported that Commissioner Macy gave brief overview of the draft Five Year Plan and updated council members on recent progress in the department being allowed to refill a number of essential positions, including Director of the Autism Division, medical positions, case managers, residential supervisor staff and a Regional Director. The Commissioner also provided an update on the number of families and guardians at STS who have expressed an interest in residential options outside of STS. Seventeen individuals are exercising an option to move and eleven others are exploring the option at this time. 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**

**911 Transfer to Town of Southbury:**

The 911 transfer to the Town of Southbury became effective Monday, October 17, 2011. A list of all residential cottage telephone numbers as well as administrative personnel telephone numbers will accompany STS residents sent to hospitals. This list was also sent to all guardians.

**Cottage 42, Cottage 3, Cottage 35 and Crawford Hall:**

Cottage 37 moved to Cottage 42 on October 12, 2011 and is Health Department certified. Renovations continue at Cottages 3 and 35 for the transfer of the Medical Department and OT/PT respectively. Crawford Hall staff will move to the Administration Building within the next few months.

**STS Tour:**

Eugene conducted a campus tour for Representative Shaban from Weston and Selectman Davis from Southbury on October 19, 2011.

**Refill Plan:**

One hundred positions have been approved for refill within the Department and approximately ten positions will be assigned to STS.

**Grace Meadows:**

Grace Meadows, a private non-profit organization for elderly subsidized housing, has submitted a proposal for expansion on STS property located above the Personnel Village area. The Board agreed to invite this group to a future meeting for a formal presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Louis Richards, STS Representative to the Council on Developmental Services, will continue his position on this council until a replacement can be made.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, November 14, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the STS Director's Conference Room**. Felix Wagner, D.M.D. was the suggested guest speaker for the November meeting.

There being no further business, Louis Richards moved the meeting adjourn at 2:33 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  
October 28, 2011