

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, February 27, 2012.

Present: Eileen Lemay, Chair
Ann Dougherty
Louis Richards
Marc J. Taylor, M.D.
Mark Cooper
Eugene Harvey

Absent: Ted Walen, Vice-Chair

Guest: Gregory DeCandia, Medical Director

Eileen Lemay, Chair, called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:09 p.m.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Lou Richards reported on the meeting held on February 9, 2012. Guests included Terry Edelstein, Connecticut Community Providers Association; Nora Duncan, The Arc of Connecticut; and Julia Wilcox, Connecticut Association of Nonprofits. The Five Year Plan is finalized, and the DDS budget recessions for fiscal Year 2012 were summarized. The minutes for this meeting can be obtained by going to the DDS website: <http://www.ct.gov/dds> clicking on the Boards & Councils link, and then on the Council for Developmental Services.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STS Clinics:

The medical clinic and Dr. Kerins clinic for gerontology services for outside DDS clients will discontinue at STS; but the Dental Clinic will continue as usual.

New Director of Psychology:

Carla A. Ratti, Ph.D., BCBA-D is the new STS Director of Psychology as of January 27, 2012. The department has lost five psychology staff with only two refills. A new service delivery streamlining proposal will be implemented to assist.

STS Fire Department:

The Fire Department has lost two positions. Discussion to continue services have been held with the union. A proposal to the Commissioner to keep services at current levels is being developed.

OLD BUSINESS

Grace Meadows Proposal:

Grace Meadows will be invited to a future meeting to further discuss this proposal.

Protocol for Supervision of STS Clients at Community Hospitals:

Eugene Harvey reviewed the community hospital protocol for supervision of STS clients. It is understood that when a STS client is receiving services at a community hospital, the responsibility for the individual is undertaken by the hospital. Direct Care staff will remain with the client during the admitting shift(s) plus one. If, in the judgment of a community hospital physician, a STS client requires the services of a sitter, such service must be provided by the hospital. In certain circumstances Direct Care staff supports will be provided, which include, but not limited to, exhibiting severe behavior, PICA client, client already on a 1:1, and where a physician has determined that death is imminent. Concern from the Board was that this protocol was developed by the Administration, but the Medical Department should be making decisions as to Direct Care staff supports, prompting this protocol to be reviewed. The Board feels that STS clients are older now and more fragile and that they are just left at the hospitals alone. Dr. DeCandia, STS Medical Director, stated that the community hospitals are getting to know our clients and their needs, but the admitting physician is ultimately in charge. There are Hospitalist providers who take care of STS clients and there are daily updates either by phone or fax. STS staff will leave early or come in late to work to be able to check on hospitalized clients. The STS physicians will alert the administration if a particular client requires our assistance. Eugene Harvey will review this protocol with STS Managers in an effort to have more of a presence by our staff at community hospitals on a routine basis.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of STS Board Member:

Philip Bondy, M.D., and Secretary of the Board, has submitted his resignation. The chairman asked for recommendations for refill to be presented at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, March 26, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the STS Director's Conference Room.**

There being no further business, Dr. Taylor moved the meeting adjourn at 3:00 p.m., Mark Cooper seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Acting Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
March 1, 2012