

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, March 26, 2012.

Present: Eileen Lemay, Chair
Ted Walen, Vice-Chair
Ann Dougherty
Louis Richards
Eugene Harvey

Excused: Marc J. Taylor, M.D.
Mark Cooper

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 March 8, 2012. Day Programs was discussed concerning what percentages of individuals are waiting for day programs. The Deputy Commissioner, Joseph Drexler, stated very few individuals are waiting as the demand is not as great as it is for residential placement. Commissioner Macy updated the Council with the announcement of two new Regional Directors. Thomas Dailey will be in the South Region and Jordan Scheff will be in the North Region. 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

Commissioner's Update:

Eugene also announced the appointment of Thomas Dailey, South Region Director, and Jordan Scheff, North Region Director. These positions were vacated due to retirements. Mr. Dailey was previously an Assistant Regional Director in the North and South Regions in Public Residential and Day services, as well as ARD of Individual and Family Supports and Private Administration. Most recently, he was the North Region Interim Regional Director. Mr. Scheff is currently the Executive Director of MARCH, Inc. of Manchester, CT, a private non-profit agency. He was previously with the Massachusetts Department of Social Services and Director of Day Services and Residential Services for the Trudeau Memorial Center in Warwick, R.I.

Eugene Harvey now reports directly to the Commissioner, previously supervised by the West Region Director.

Health Care Unit Moves:

The Medical Department is scheduled to move from the HCU to Cottage 3 on Tuesday, April 3rd. The remaining departments, which include OT/PT, Medical Clinic, Dental and X-Ray, have not been scheduled for moving as of this date.

Dental Services:

The STS Foundation has concerns with sending our residents to St. Mary's Hospital for oral surgery. A procedure has been developed where the oral surgeon will call the resident's guardian to report any problems they find before proceeding with the surgery.

Fire Department:

The Fire Department has moved to Cottage 29. Eugene Harvey met with the President of the Fire Fighters Union to try and negotiate an agreement to facilitate the continued operation of the department in the wake of two recent retirements.

Gatehouse Country Café:

The Gatehouse Country Café is scheduled to reopen April 20th.

Southbury Historical Society:

The Southbury Historical Society will display a presentation on the history of Southbury Training School at the Pavilion on Sunday, May 6th. The general public will be invited.

Nursing Director:

The STS Nursing Director, Judith Blanchet, has been assigned as the West Region Nursing Director. She divides her time between STS and the West Region. It is anticipated that a future posting will go out for the STS Nursing Director.

Cottage 33:

Cottage 33 will be painted and cleaned to provide for temporary housing for the residents of Cottage 12 while their cottage is being renovated.

Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee:

All recommendations were presented to the committee, but the decision was made not to implement any changes at this time.

DDS Community Services Guide, Southbury Training School:

The DDS Community Services Guide that was recently distributed at the Home and School Board Meeting is a draft. The STS Foundation and the Home and School Board will review and make recommendations before final distribution.

STS Census:

The current census is 409. There have been eight deaths and two moves to the community since January 1, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervision at Community Hospitals:

The STS Director, Medical Director and Head Nurse Supervisor met to discuss a plan to increase supervision of our residents while at community hospitals. It was suggested that light duty staff be utilized to make visits to the community hospitals on a daily basis. A check list will be developed by Medical, Nursing and Residential for each individual resident for review each time a visit is made by a light duty staff. A board member, Ann Dougherty, requests to be on the committee that draws up the check list, which will be presented to the board before implementation.

Recommendation Replacement for Resigned Board Member:

Diana Mennone, a STS retiree and member of the Home and School Association, has expressed an interest in serving on the Board, and the Board feels this person is a good candidate. Eileen Lemay, Chair, will give the name and resume of this individual to Mr. Harvey. Ann Dougherty moved the Board ask Mr. Harvey to forward the recommendation to Commissioner Macy. Louis Richards seconded. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, April 23, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the STS Director's Conference Room.**

There being no further business, Ann Dougherty moved the meeting adjourn at 2:31 p.m., Louis Richards seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Acting Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
March 30, 2012