

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, June 23, 2014.

Present: Eileen Lemay, Chair
Ann Dougherty, Vice Chairman
Louis Richards
Diana Mennone
Drew Morten
Eugene Harvey, STS Director

Excused: Mark Cooper, Secretary
Ed Edelson

Chair Eileen Lemay called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:08 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

A representative from the Nursing Department was not available.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Diana Mennone reported that the Council on Developmental Services met on June 12, 2014. Rod O'Connor, Legislative Liason gave an update on DDS bills passed and a summary of the Transitional Services Plan (transition from school program to DDS services). Rob mentioned the need to be aware of the open seats and new leadership coming up in the State House and Senate.

The DDS Council, as well as other advisory and planning councils, will be making several changes according to H.B. No. 5328 Public Act 14-143 – An Act Concerning Advisory and Planning Councils for State Developmental Services Regions, A Change in Terminology and The Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council. The act increases the membership of the Council on Developmental Services from 13 to 15. One of the additional members, appointed by the House majority leader, must be a person with autism spectrum disorder who is receiving, or has received, services from the Department of Developmental Services Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services. The other new member is appointed by the Senate Majority Leader. It expands those eligible to serve in certain positions on the council to include other relatives, not just parents or guardians, of individuals with an intellectual disability. The act also changes how often the council must meet from at least every other month to six times per year. The act allows a member of an advisory and planning council to serve beyond the current limit of two consecutive three-year terms if waiting for the appointment of a successor. This act also updates terminology. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

The Commissioner talked about the challenge of updating the Abuse & Neglect Registry, a backlog due to lack of resources. This is being addressed by the Department.

The Commissioner reported on a recent article in the Hartford Courant about a family member's concern and advocacy after her brother, a resident of STS, died. The Fatality Review Board (FRB) sent a letter to the Commissioner outlining her concerns. The Commissioner shared that

he had responded to the FRB and that Lakisha Hyatt, DDS Health and Clinical Services Director, and Eugene Harvey, Director of STS, were charged with addressing the areas cited in the FRB's letter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The current population is 336. Since the last meeting we have had one death and one placement.

Cottage 20 is currently being renovated to house the residents who live in Cottage 7. Cottage 7 is a PICA building. The asbestos flooring in Cottage 20 has been abated and bathroom renovations are expected to begin in the next few weeks. Plans are also being developed for environmental improvements in Cottage 33.

It is anticipated that a tour will take place late this week with Board members of the Connecticut Dance Theater who have plans for the use of the Roselle School auditorium when the building is no longer needed for the residents of STS.

There was a meeting of the parties on June 13, 2014 in Central Office with Mr. Tony Records. STS continues to be in compliance with all requirements of the settlement agreement.

Cottage 14 officially closed on June 11, 2014 with 13 of its residents being transferred to Cottage 31.

OLD BUSINESS

The STS Task Force should be re-established in the next few months.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, September 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.** Suggestions for guest speaker for the next meeting were Kerry DiPietro, Nursing Director, or Daniel Forrest, Director of Arts & Historic Preservation, (DECD).

There being no further business, Ann Dougherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Drew Morten seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
July 2, 2014