

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, October 27, 2014.

Present: Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair
 Louis Richards
 Diana Mennone
 Ed Edelson
 Drew Morten
 Eugene Harvey, STS Director

Excused: Mark Cooper
 Eileen Lemay

Vice Chair Ann Dougherty called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:07 p.m.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Diana Mennone reported on the Council on Developmental Services meeting that was held on September 11, 2014 at the DDS Central Office. Commissioner Macy and Deputy Commissioner Joe Drexler updated the Council on the Abuse & Neglect Registry. DDS has increased its legal staff which has allowed DD to begin to reduce the number of pending cases. The 2015 legislative session begins on January 7, 2015. To view the minutes from this meeting, go to the DDS website at www.ct.gov/dds - on left side, click on BOARDS AND COUNCILS, scroll down to 2014 MEETING SCHEDULES/MINUTES. Find dates of MEETINGS, see AGENDA columns and MINUTES columns to the right ct.gov/dds.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The current population is 319. There were three deaths and four community placements. On October 6th three PV-7 residents and one Cottage 31 resident moved to Thomaston which resulted in the closure of PV-7.

A meeting was held with Eugene Harvey and Lainie Jedlinsky and June Bennett from the Pierce Hollow Village, Inc. Board of Directors concerning the time frame for the transfer of the STS Personnel Village property to the Town of Southbury. Eugene confirmed that nothing could be done until appropriate placements of the remaining residents living in the Personnel Village were made.

Renovations continue for Cottage 20 with a new roof recently installed.

STS recently acquired twenty-nine part-time positions for direct care staff. A new carpenter began this week and another carpenter position is posted for next week.

Outcome from the September 9th tour of Roselle School by Director of the Regional YMCA, Jim O'Rourke, revealed location and parking concerns. He suggested this building be used by multiple groups and that he would like to look at other buildings on campus. The YMCA

showed interest in Crawford Hall due to the location to Route 172. Jim O'Rourke will continue by applying for assessment grants.

The STS Fire Department met with 1199 on September 29th in Hartford. The union agreed to the use of STS volunteers as needed to assist with fire calls to the department. Eugene Harvey and Jackson Pierre-Louis met with the Commissioner to pursue the need for a continued Ambulance and Fire Department. Q Fire Fighter Positions have been approved by the Commissioner for the volunteers. Six new volunteers are now going through training.

The Infection Control Committee at STS is overseeing and gathering the plan response and information related to Ebola. The STS Fire Chief is preparing the STS ambulance for the proper Ebola precautions.

Bridgeport Hospital now administers general anesthesia for STS dental patients. To reduce wait time additional drivers have been scheduled for the appointments. The PA and dentist will revisit the patient upon returning to STS.

Flu shots are ongoing.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Ann Dougherty, who is guardian for two residents, stand-by guardian for one resident, and Advocate for three residents, visited seven cottages on the weekend and was pleased with the staff and resident interaction.

Ms. Dougherty also reported that the Home and School Association of the Southbury Training School donated \$10,000 to the Music Department. Some of these monies could assist the music interns (college students) with living expenses – room and board, etc. while studying and learning at STS. The interns would be compensated only for late afternoon/evening and weekend performances. They would not receive monies during their obligated time. To help with their expenses, she suggested the interns could plan music programs for the Town of Southbury. First Selectman Ed Edelson agreed to pursue this possibly with social programs for the Senior Center and a Coffee House type program in the community. She attended two of the Cottage Cluster Parties given by the music interns to promote socialization. A good time was had by all.

The Board discussed and agreed to continue with the current slate of officers for next year. The 2015 BOT Slate of Officers proposed are Eileen Lemay, Chair; Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair; Mark Cooper, Secretary; and Diana Mennone, STS BOT Representative to the Council on Developmental Services. Drew Morten made a motion to accept the 2015 Slate of Officers. Ed Edelson seconded. All in favor.

Ann Dougherty thanked all who are continuing on the Board for next year.

The 2015 Meeting Schedule was discussed. Ed Edelson made a motion to accept the 2015 Meeting Schedule. Drew Morten seconded. All in favor.

Dr. DeCandia, Medical Director, was suggested as the guest speaker for the November meeting to update the Board on flu and Ebola.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, November 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.**

There being no further business, Ed Edelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:02 p.m. Drew Morten seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
November 3, 2014