

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, November 24, 2014.

Present: Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair
Louis Richards
Mark Cooper
Eugene Harvey, STS Director

Excused: Eileen Lemay
Diana Mennone
Ed Edelson
Drew Morten

Vice Chair Ann Dougherty called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:05 p.m. It was suggested to reschedule the Guest Speaker, Dr. DeCandia, Medical Director, as several members were unable to attend this meeting.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

In Diana Mennone's absence, Vice Chair Ann Dougherty presented Diana's report previously submitted to the Board regarding the Council on Developmental Services meeting that met on October 9, 2014 at DDS Central Office. DDS is working on revisions to its community Living Arrangement (CLA) and Community Companion Home (CCH) regulations. Public hearings to be held on October 27th.

Commissioner Macy gave an update on the Waiting List money and praised the regional staff for screening almost 160 families who have caregivers over the age of 70 to determine the individual needs of each person.

The new Director of Investigations is Kendres Lally, and the Commissioner updated the Council on the STS Task Force.

Please refer to the DDS website: <http://www.ct.gov/dds>, click on the Boards & Councils link, and then on the Council for Developmental Services for any minutes submitted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hiring Freeze – A freeze on all state hiring was announced last week; however, three positions were secured at STS which include a Carpenter, HVAC Engineer and an Investigator. A list of prioritized positions was sent to Central Office for consideration, as there is a need for an additional thirty-two Direct Care Staff.

Budget – Governor Malloy announced state budget cuts of \$49 million; of which \$5 million is designated for DDS. The largest cut for DDS is \$2 million for Personal Services.

Tony Records' Report – Mr. Records on his ruling on Guardianship confirmed that the decision of 'informed' and involved guardians regarding community placement will be respected. He did

recommend a five-year closure plan and outlined how this would be achieved. The Home & School Association of the Southbury Training School feel it is not the Remedial Expert's position to recommend closure in five years. This group will pursue this matter legally if necessary.

Cottage 15 – Residents from C-15 will move to C-30 temporarily while renovations are being made to C-15.

New Thermometers – Recently purchased for nurses that allow no contact with the patient to help with Infection Control.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair, Ann Dougherty, arranged for flowers to be sent on behalf of the Board to Diana Mennone. All wish her a speedy recovery.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, January 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.**

Meeting adjourned 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
December 2, 2014