

**The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees  
Met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School,  
Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, November 23, 2015.**

Present: Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair  
Diana Mennone  
Louis Richards  
Ed Edelson  
Drew Morten  
Mark Cooper  
Jackson Pierre-Louis, Assistant Regional Director

Excused: Eugene Harvey, STS Director  
Eileen Lemay, Chair

Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair, called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:06 p.m.

### **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Diana Mennone, the STS Board of Trustees representative to the Council on Developmental Services, was unavailable for the October meeting, but attended to November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes for this meeting have not been approved yet. Recommendations for DDS Commissioner on STS from the Council was on the agenda but not discussed due to the meeting going on too late.

To view the minutes from the October and November 2015 meetings, go to the DDS website at [www.ct.gov/dds](http://www.ct.gov/dds) - on left side, click on **BOARDS AND COUNCILS**, and scroll down to: **2015 MEETING SCHEDULES / MINUTES**. Find dates of **MEETINGS**; see **AGENDA** columns and **MINUTES** columns to the right.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Submitted by Jackson Pierre-Louis, Assistant Regional Director

#### Current Population

273 as of today, November 23, 2015.

#### Cottage Changes

Cottage 4 will close by early December. Seven residents remain today and by December 8<sup>th</sup>, all residents will have moved out. Future plans to renovate Cottage 4 completely and to reopen as a residential building.

The PV's will be completely closed by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in January. Three PV's remain open with residents. One PV home will be closed and their residents will move to the community the first week in January. One PV home is in the process of moving to Cottage 31 today, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the third PV home will move to Cottage 7 temporarily until a public provider can be found for their move to the community.

Cottage 20 reopened on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All moves successful.

Cottage 36 is in the process of being renovated and should be complete by the end of January.

An announcement will be made within the next few weeks regarding closing another building. The Board of Trustees will be notified prior to this announcement.

#### Budget

The budget continues to be watched closely. STS is living within our budget. There are no monies in our budget to cover overtime for bad weather issues. The closure of an additional building will help offset these expenditures.

#### Telephone & Computer Service

Plans to increase telephone and computer service in the Girl's Village (C-1 thru C-42). Work will begin within the next month.

Discussion on concerns regarding the main number for STS (203-586-2000). With the closures, moves and renovations on campus, the main directory needs updating. This will be reviewed and revisions will be implemented.

#### Governor's Visit

Governor Malloy toured STS on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, visiting the Dental Clinic, Medical Clinic, Fitness Center (all in Roselle), Cottage 42, Cottage 20 and the PV's. Commissioner Murray attended a meeting at the Capitol with the governor's aides and they suggested a visit to our facility would be beneficial.

The rumor that refugees coming to live at STS is not true. This was not the purpose of the governor's visit and it was never discussed while he was here.

#### Fire Department

The STS Fire Department met with the Fire Department Union. The goal is to have all EMT2's reduced to EMT1's. This will make it easier for our volunteers to qualify and also will keep overtime down. There will be further negotiations with the Town of Southbury Fire Department to transfer all STS services to the Town over time.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Settlement Agreement

The Board continued their discussion regarding the Remedial Expert's stressing the need for more discussion of the benefits of community placement.

#### Commissioner Murray's "Call for Public Recommendations"

The Board appointed a committee to form a list of recommendations representing this Board's vision for future uses for STS to be presented to Commissioner Murray. This list was discussed followed with the decision to meet independently to finalize their recommendations before submission.

**NEW BUSINESS**Election of 2016 Officers

Discussion of nominations for the 2016 slate of officers followed with a motion by Diana Mennone to accept the slate as presented. Mark Cooper seconded. All in favor. The 2016 slate of officers is as follows:

Eileen Lemay, Chair

Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair

Mark Cooper, Secretary

Diana Mennone, Representative to the Council on Developmental Services

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, January 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room. (No meeting in December)**

Meeting adjourned 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees  
December 2, 2015