

**The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees  
Met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School,  
Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, May 18, 2015.**

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

Excused: Mark Cooper  
Ed Edelson

Eileen Lemay, Chair, called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Diana Mennone, the STS Board of Trustees representative to the Council on Developmental Services, attended a Council meeting on April 9, 2015.

Discussion included legislative updates. Testimonies have been given to Appropriations. There has been a sub-committee and a second sub-committee. Appropriations deadline for committee bills is April 30, 2015.

Discussion on overtime (OT) agency wide. Cost comparison is necessary – public vs. private. An analysis of family to family is not as clear cut as appearance.

Discussion/questions on cost and need of STS Fire Department, EMS, Food Services Department, Maintenance and Powerhouse.

Council would like report from Legislative Library about plan to close STS after Mansfield Training School was closed.

Council members who toured STS spoke about their visit.

To view the minutes from the April 2015 meeting, 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. Not all minutes have been posted yet.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Current Population – 296 as of May 8, 2015.

A Special Parties Meeting was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> with Tony Records to attempt to get some agreement on the differences. The next meeting will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>, which will be Mr. Record's last meeting, as he will be retiring from this position due to health issues. He has hired a consultant to continue with his job duties until a new Remedial Expert can be found.

The Governor's STS Task Force Committee did meet on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Central Office. Although Eugene Harvey was unable to attend, he did request a discussion of the Pierce Hollow Village proposed Personnel Village property acquisition be put on the agenda, as Lainie Jedlinsky, who represents Pierce Hollow Village, is still inquiring about an anticipated date the property will be available. Fifteen residents remain in Personnel Village. The STS Board of Trustees would like to invite Ms. Jedlinsky to attend their meeting in September to update the Board on plans for this property.

Overtime has been considerably saved from the closing of Cottages 32 and 36. STS's budget will be able to end this fiscal year in the black. A question arose regarding the transition of residents to their new homes. Eugene reported the moves went smoothly and the staff did an excellent job. Eleven part-time staff, two lead workers, and a charge were approved for posting, which will also help with our overtime.

The main floor of Cottage 36 will undergo renovations including the laying of new floors. Upon completion of this project, Cottage 5 residents will move into Cottage 36 resulting in the closure of Cottage 5.

Leo McCoy died on May 8<sup>th</sup>, leaving his house empty. Four residents from the PV's who want public housing will be considered for placement into this house.

Painting the outside of some of our cottages has been approved, as well as, new landscaping. Volunteer Services will contribute funds for this project. Other campus projects include renovating bathrooms in Cottages 40 and 41.

Cottage 20's windows are in, but two small bathrooms, ceilings, and floors still need to be completed. Eugene suggested the June Board of Trustee's Meeting be held in Cottage 20. The residents will then move in after that meeting.

Our STS Medical Director, Dr. Gregory DeCandia, will be leaving June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, June 22, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Cottage 20.**

Meeting adjourned 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees  
May 22, 2015