

**The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees  
Met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School,  
Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, October 24, 2016.**

Present: Eileen Lemay, Chair  
Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair  
Diana Mennone  
Louis Richards  
Mark Cooper  
Eugene Harvey, Director

Eileen Lemay, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Diana Mennone, the STS Board of Trustees representative to the Council on Developmental Services, reported on the DDS Council Meeting of September 15, 2016.

Commissioner Morna Murray was absent.

Jordan Scheff, Deputy Commissioner, updated the council on the regional center closings and group home conversions. He noted progress has been good, but was slow as DDS is working with individuals and their families, one at a time. All but one individual has a plan ready for transition. Thirty additional homes would be converted to private services this year, leaving only twenty-one group homes that will be operated by DDS.

Invited guest, Judy Dowd, Office of Policy & Management (OPM), joined the Council for discussion on cost comparisons between public and private services.

Council members voted to establish a subcommittee to facilitate collaboration with other groups.

To view the minutes from the September 2016 meeting, go to the DDS website at [www.ct.gov/dds](http://www.ct.gov/dds) - click on **BOARDS AND COUNCILS**, click on **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**, scroll down to: **2016 MEETING SCHEDULES / MINUTES**. Find dates of **MEETINGS**; see **AGENDA** columns and **MINUTES** columns to the right.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Current Population – 248

For the month of October: 1 death on 10/1/16; 1 community placement on 10/12/15; and 4 community placements on 10/18/16.

Residential

Cottages 40 and 41 bathroom renovations are projected to be complete by the end of November.

Renovations continue in Cottage 33, including repairs to the sewage system.

The assessment for an elevator in Cottage 40 is now at \$268,000, with \$120,000 from Volunteer Services Fund.

New cable will be installed from Cottage 1 to Cottage 42 to allow for better LAN access. The service that is currently in this area is failing. The installation is projected to be complete by December.

#### Day Program Conversion

A Day Program Conversion meeting is scheduled for next week with the West Region. A notice of opportunity to bid on the Public Day Programs will be distributed to the Private Providers. It is the hope that the Farm and the Greenhouse will remain on STS property with dual oversight by Public and Private Providers.

#### Budget

STS is remaining within our allocation, in part due to the closure of Cottage 15.

#### 1199

A union injunction has been initiated:

- 1) Stop disclosure information to Private Providers; and
- 2) Revise union language in the contract regarding layoffs.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Nominations for STS Board of Trustees Member

Mark Cooper reported he spoke with the Southbury 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, Jeff Manville, and Mr. Manville will report on other names for consideration. The Board will continue to seek additional nominations for this position.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The 2017 Board of Trustees Roster and the 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule were reviewed. Mark Cooper moved to accept the 2017 Roster and the 2017 Meeting Schedule. Ann Dougherty seconded. All in favor.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, November 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.**

There being no further business, Mark Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.; Lou Richards seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees  
October 31, 2016