

**The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees
Met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School,
Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, March 28, 2016.**

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

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

The Board of Trustees extends great sadness and sympathy to the family of Drew Morten, who passed away on March 16, 2016. A memorial service will be held on April 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Heritage Hotel in Southbury. He was a valued member of the Board and will be sorely missed.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Diana Mennone, the STS Board of Trustees representative to the Council on Developmental Services, reported on the DDS Council Meetings of January 21, 2016 and February 29, 2016.

Commissioner Murray discussed the impact to DDS of the December 8, 2015 deficit mitigation bill (S.B. 1601) that passed in the legislature and was signed by the Governor. She discussed specific allotment reductions to the DDS budget line items for both fiscal years 2016 and 2017. The DDS' Request For Proposal (RFP) plan is going forward for CLA's.

The Office of Policy & Management (OPM), in consultation with DDS, to work on a plan for closure of STS. It is premature to discuss at this time.

A discussion of "Recommendations for DDS Commissioner on STS" from the Council was on the agenda but not discussed due to the meeting going on too late.

DDS Council Meeting scheduled for February 18, 2016 was cancelled and a special meeting was held on February 29, 2016.

Legislative updates were given by Christine Pollio-Cooney, Legislative Liaison, including a discussion of the Commissioner's testimony before the Appropriations Committee and the Public Health Committee.

Jordan Scheff, Deputy Commissioner, updated the Council on the Appropriations testimony answering questions about recommended budget adjustments. The targeted reduction will mean that there will be considerable less funding overall. DDS will be prioritizing services and indicating how the targeted reductions will be achieved with the least possible impact on the provision of services.

To view the minutes from the Council meetings, go to the DDS website at www.ct.gov/dds - on left side, click on **BOARDS AND COUNCILS**, 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 – 262.

Rescissions for DDS for the Current Fiscal Year

The Department is working hard to mitigate the impact of budget cuts to the private sector for the remainder of this fiscal year. It is estimated that 31 employees from STS will retire in the next couple of months.

Cottage Changes

Personnel Village officially closed February 1, 2016. Cottage 17 officially closed February 10, 2016 and that same week Cottage 36 was reopened. Cottage 5 residents moved into Cottage 36 because this building has only one floor. Cottage 7 is being renovated for possible future re-opening because it has an elevator. Cottage 40 and Cottage 41 bathroom renovations continue.

Closures of Ella Grasso Regional Center and Meriden Regional Center

The closure of two Regional Centers was announced March 24, 2016. The closures involve 40 residents and 117 staff.

Future of Public Services

The Commissioner has established a project group led by Crescentino Secchiaroli, DDS Fiscal Administrator, to create a plan for the closure of Public residential programs within DDS. The project group will include representatives from Central Office, the Regions and STS.

Day Services

Tonya McNair, Day Services Director at STS, has transferred to the West Region. Anita Kalenauskas, Supervising Instructor, has agreed to supervise the department.

Meeting with Southbury First Selectman

Eugene met with Jeff Manville, Southbury First Selectman, to discuss the future of Southbury Training School, including the STS Fire Department and Ambulance Service.

OLD BUSINESS

Senator Kane's and State Rep. Arthur O'Neill's Presentation to the BOT Meeting in January

Eileen Lemay, BOT Chairman, will follow-up with Senator Kane and State Rep. Arthur O'Neill regarding any progress they have made toward recruiting their legislative counterparts on coming for an open house/tour of the STS campus.

BOT to Speak to Southbury Board of Selectman

The BOT Chairman will follow-up by e-mail regarding their invitation to speak to the Board of Selectman stating that due to the events going on in Hartford, this is probably not a good time for the BOT to follow up with their recommendations made to the DDS Commissioner on the future of Southbury Training School until the Board sees what decisions and cuts are made before looking any further into the future.

Department of Agriculture

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Agriculture and DDS has not been finalized to officially transfer the STS farmland to the Department of Agriculture.

BOT Mission and By-Laws

The STS Board of Trustees follows the same statutes as the DDS Council on Developmental Services.

Southbury First Selectman Tour of STS

The Board will send a letter to Jeff Manville, Southbury First Selectman, to offer a future tour of the campus that is convenient with both Mr. Manville and the STS Director.

NEW BUSINESSRecommendations for STS Board of Trustees Member

Due to the passing of Drew Morten, the Board has the task of recommending a new member to fulfill this vacant position.

Ed Edelson made a recommendation to consider Helena Jedlinsky, who has professional nursing and business backgrounds. She is a member of the Board of Directors with Grace Meadows and was instrumental in acquiring the STS PV property for the expansion of Grace Meadows, which will be known as Pierce Hollow Village, Inc.

Eileen Lemay made a recommendation to consider Mary Kay Flaherty, former Southbury Probate Judge and currently on the Board of the STS Foundation.

Resumes will be presented to the Commissioner before forwarding to the Governor's office.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, April 25, 2016 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 2:35 p.m.; Mark Cooper seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
April 6, 2016