

**The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees
Met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School,
Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, January 22, 2018.**

Present: Eileen Lemay, Chair
Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair
Diana Mennone
Eugene Harvey

Excused: Louis Richards
Mark Cooper

Eileen Lemay, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Report on Council on Developmental Services November 16, 2017 Meeting

Meeting was held at the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Central Office.

Robin Wood, Director of Family Support Strategies & Advocacy presented to the Council on the guiding principles of *Charting the LifeCourse*, a tool to assist people in creating a vision for the future.

Commissioner Jordan Scheff updated the Council on his attendance at the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) Directors Forum & Annual Conference held in Arlington, VA.

The Commissioner talked about the state budget which had recently been passed. There are many issues still being worked out. There is a large discrepancy in needed revenue. As updates and more information is provided, it will be sent to the Council. The Commissioner told the Council there are four public respite centers in the West Region, three in the South region and three in the North region. Currently there are no plans to close them.

Report on Council on Developmental Services December 14, 2017 Meeting

Meeting was held at the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Central Office.

Commissioner Jordan Scheff gave the Council a budget update stating the Governor put out a \$300 million deficit mitigation plan suggesting revenue ideas to close the budget gaps. Until there is something more definitive from the legislature, there will not be a more comprehensive DDS analysis.

The Commissioner updated the Council on his work with area hospitals in helping to find solutions for people remaining in emergency rooms and not having transitional placements available. The Commissioner said the hospitals have no mechanism available to bill Medicaid and sometimes there is the question of other state agencies and DDS trying to figure out who should be supporting the individuals. The Commissioner and some hospital representatives will be meeting with the Office of Policy & Management (OPM) for discussions and eventually will involve some sister agencies.

To view the approved minutes from the November and December 2017 meeting, go to the DDS website at www.ct.gov/dds - click on **BOARDS AND COUNCILS**, click on **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**, scroll down to: **2017 MEETING SCHEDULES / MINUTES**. Find dates of **MEETINGS**; see **AGENDA** columns and **MINUTES** columns to the right.

To ask and receive DDS legislative updates, email the DDS Legislative and Regulations Specialist: Rod.OConnor@ct.gov

More information is available on the DDS website: www.ct.gov/dds (Legislative Affairs)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Current resident population is 209.
- Cottage 8 Residents have been transferred successfully to other cottages with the exception of three individuals who are scheduled to go to a group home in February. Affected staff reassigned will be complete by the end of this month.
- Eight of the twenty direct care (part-time) staff has been hired and the remainder should be in place in early February.
- A replacement position for Cynthia Miller, Human Rights Investigator, has been approved by OPM. Also a position for a per diem dentist has been approved.
- Heat Pumps Plan derailed due to a request by the engineers to double the amount of money to conduct the engineering plan. Originally Cottages 18 and 33 were identified to try out the new technology. Cottage 20 has now been identified as the first cottage to have the pumps installed.
- A request has been made for funding to demolish twelve of the twenty-four PV homes and the remainder will be boarded up with plywood to secure them.
- Work is ongoing in Cottage 9 to prepare it for its new function as the Clothing Thrift Store.
- Renovations in Cottage 33 continue with new ceilings and countertops still left to be completed.
- Cottage 4 is being considered as a Day Program space.
- The workshop in Roselle School will close at the end of the month. Alternate programs will be found for the affected residents.
- The elevator in Cottage 40 is no longer being considered.
- Restricted access in Cottage 34 and Cottage 40 due to the flu.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board's recommendations to the Southbury Planning Commission's future use study of STS property will be forwarded to the Commission by Eileen Lemay.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of the Southbury Training School were amended to modify meeting schedule to once per quarter. The two absent members were contacted by telephone at the meeting which resulted in a total vote of 4 – 1 in favor of amending the bylaws to quarterly meetings. The new 2018 BOT Meeting Schedule is as follows: January 22nd, April 23rd, September 24th and November 26th. All meetings will continue to be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room. The Director agreed to contact the Board if developments arise between meetings.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, April 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
February 1, 2018