

**The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees
Met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School,
Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, April 23, 2018.**

Present: Eileen Lemay, Chair
Ann Dougherty, Vice Chair
Diana Mennone
Mark Cooper via Telephone Conference
Eugene Harvey

Excused: Louis Richards

Eileen Lemay, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Report on Council on Developmental Services January 18, February 15, March 15, 2018 Meetings

All three Meetings were held at the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Central Office.

Information shared by the Commissioner, Jordan Scheff, included a report on the audit findings of three New England states, including Connecticut, issued from the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Administration on Community Living and Office for Civil Rights. The audit initially found that incident reports are not always coded correctly. DDS worked with OIG and Health and Human Services to come up with a corrective action plan for data collection systems that would be electronic for our incident reports.

The Commissioner gave budget and legislative updates to the Council each month. The Legislature will work on how to mitigate the current deficit. DDS will continue to work with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) on current budget options which are mostly revenue generating. Commissioner Scheff stated Rod O'Connor, Legislative Liaison, sends out his legislative updates which are extremely informative and allow tracking of the bills and legislative information. See below for how to receive these updates.

The Commissioner gave out a Level of Need (LON) distribution chart and discussed the information with the Council. He pointed out the hand-out gives a representation of many people from a broad reference point. For easier reference of DDS acronyms, the Council was given copies of the acronyms from the DDS website.

The Commissioner discussed and answered questions concerning the Community First Choice (CFC) program with the Council. He is working with colleagues from the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Office of Policy & Management (OPM) to offer support in finding solutions to manage the ongoing problems within the program.

To view the approved minutes from the January, February and March 2018 meetings, go to the DDS website at www.ct.gov/dds - click on **BOARDS AND COUNCILS**, click on **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**, scroll down to: **2018 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)

~ Respectfully Submitted, Diana Mennone

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Current resident population is 201.
- Cottage 8 closed on April 17, 2018 when the final three residents moved to a group home in Watertown.
- About 2,500 workers who are represented by SEIU 1199 New England and work in Private Provider homes voted to strike seeking increased state funding and higher wages. Gov. Malloy asked for the strike to be postponed as the requested wage increases and benefits are included in a bill pending in the legislature.
- Met with Jim Flaherty from the Southbury Historical Society regarding his request to have Cottage 10 and the Gatehouse Café as a new home for the Society. A draft proposal was received, but much more work needs to be done as new legislation needs to be introduced to transfer the property.
- Three of the nine current firefighters are scheduled to leave by June. Ongoing discussions with the Town of Southbury regarding transfer of responsibilities for fire protection. There will be two presentations to the Southbury Fire Department this week.
- The closure of Roselle School will be announced soon. The Medical and Dental Clinics, Day Services and Staff Training and Development will be relocated elsewhere on the campus.
- Issues with heat pump costs on hold. Exploring ways of decreasing pressure the boilers operate at from 250 to 70 pounds. Even with the reduced pressure, heat and hot water can still be provided to all cottages. The Powerhouse will be shut down for the summer.
- Work in Cottage 9, the new location for Thrift Shop 1, continues with new driveway, floors, bathrooms and painting. New equipment for displays has been ordered.
- Applications for a new Human Rights Director are being considered for the replacement of Cynthia Miller, who recently retired. The Human Rights Office will relocate to the McCoy house.
- Additional music services were discussed in addition to what Julie Andring and Meg Capen provide.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the quarterly meeting schedule and decided to have an additional meeting in June. The Board or STS Director Harvey can request a meeting at any time, if necessary.

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, June 18, 2018 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 2:10 p.m.; Diana Mennone seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
April 27, 2018