

SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL (STS) RECOMMENDATIONS

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TO: Commissioner Murray, DDS

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RE: STS Recommendations

We are all nieces of DDS' Southbury Training School's resident Deborah Baker. Her mother (our grandmother) Catherine (Baker) Davis, deceased, and her brother (our dad) David Baker, deceased, respected the care Deborah receives at STS. We are interested in continuing their wish that Deborah have a permanent home at STS.

RECOMMENDATION 1: Continue to operate STS – the best solution

JUSTIFICATION: Deborah Baker has known STS as her home for nearly 68 years. She is comfortable and well cared for. All of her ADLs (activities of daily living) are being met. She attends activities (both on the STS grounds and in the local community) and her work at the Wolcott Center. Southbury is her community.

RECOMMENDATION 2: Re-open or Re-use the vacant facilities at STS

JUSTIFICATION: It is a shame to let facilities go to waste. Better to either re-open the closed down section of STS for its intended use (first choice) or rent out the vacant facilities. Wouldn't it be nice to see STS re-opened with an appropriate continuum of care model for our I/DD (intellectual/developmental disabled) community?

*Thank you for your
consideration,
Maureen Bell*