

Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
Fatality Review Board
July 16, 2014

Present: Mr. Craig Henrici, Mr. James McGaughey, Attorney John DeMattia, Dr. Gerard Kerins, Ms. Lakisha Hyatt, and Ms. Anne Broadhurst, Ms. Diana Lincoln, Mr. Peter Hughes, Ms. Gretchen Knauff, and Ms. Barbara Roy (OPA staff).

Absent: Professor Timothy Palmbach and Ms. Patricia Mansfield,

Guests: Ms. Beverly and Mr. John Matakaetis, family members, and Mr. Josh Kovner, reporter for the Hartford Courant.

1. General Business

- Introductions
- The minutes from the May 21, 2014 FRB meeting were accepted and adopted.
- Ms. Knauff noted that she was recently contacted by the Governor's Office regarding two remaining Board vacancies. Ms. Knauff noted that she let the Governor's Office know that the Board is seeking to have its membership include a physician and a professional with a background in mental health, who is knowledgeable in the field of pharmacology. It was noted that any suggestions for membership (individuals representing these disciplines) would be readily accepted. Dr. Kerins noted that he might have a suggestion for membership, and will pass this information along to Ms. Knauff.
- Mr. McGaughey briefly summarized the Hartford Courant article, "Family Fights for Change After STS Resident's Death", which was published on May 31, 2014. Mr. McGaughey noted that the DDS' response to the Board's recommendations was communicated in a June 3, 2014 Memorandum sent to Ms. Knauff by Commissioner Macy. In the Memorandum, Commissioner Macy directed DDS administrators to "immediately institute an oversight protocol, which will ensure that all the recommendations made by the FRB are followed." The Board agreed to request a progress report from STS regarding the specifics of the protocol. It was also agreed that future discussions and updates regarding the specifics of the plan would take place in the public portion of the meeting.

2. Public Comment

- Ms. Beverly and Mr. John Matakaetis noted that they were in agreement with the Board's recommendations regarding "next steps" in the process. They also noted that they were interested in learning about the specifics of any changes to improve the healthcare system at STS, as well as how these changes will be monitored.

3. Executive Session and Case Review

4. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

The next FRB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th, 2014 at the Grimes Center in New Haven.