

Date: October, 5, 2015

To: Commissioner Murray, DDS

From: Sherri Knightly
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Re: STS Recommendations

My name is Sherri Knightly, currently working in the Waterbury Resource Management Dept. I began my career with DDS at STS, in 1985 and have many great memories that I cherish. In its Prime, when the folks were more independent, I believe it was a wonderful community for the folks, who lived there, to enjoy and explore their environment, in a safe setting.

Recommendation 1: Facility for Mental Health

Justification: With all of the current issues going on in the community, with regards to folks with mental health issues, and shootings, I believe this location would be a great resource for clinical inpatient and outpatient care. Additionally, I feel it would be supported, not only by the community, but by the Federal Government, who would possibly assist with funding.

Recommendation 2: Lease the Property to Private Providers

Justification: Currently we have Private Providers, who are seeking homes for our DDS folks, to develop CRS', for many of our folks on the Emergency List.. and currently we do not have any Rent Subsidy funding, which is needed for rentals, to offset the cost of their housing. If we could rent the units to them, it would not only provide housing in a beautiful and safe environment, it would bring in revenue to the State of CT, which is greatly needed.