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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Barry

Last Name: Barfield

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with: Public

City: Tomball

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

My name is Barry Barfield and I have Guardianship for my niece Shanna Gary who has been in the RSSLC since September 29th, 1976. Her mother (my sister) died of cancer in 2005. Her wish before she died was that I become her legal guardian so I could over see her care. Shanna was born totally disabled with mental retardation and physical disabilities. She is a 43 year old female with diagnosis of intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, osteoporosis, and restrictive lung disease (GERD). She has enteral tube (G-Tube) which feed her the only nutrition she receives 18 hours a day.

I Strongly Oppose the recommendations in the Staff Report, I have seen many of the residents in RSSLC over the past 38 years and all have severe seizures or are wheelchair bound, and are unable to communicate verbally and require total round the clock care. In addition, I have found the RSSLC Staff of doctors, nurses and caregivers to be professional and caring people for the residence of RSSLC.

Finally, for Shanna and many other residence, closure of more state schools or community living would have a negative effect on the health and well being of these individuals.

I urge you to keep the SSLCs open!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:  
Please keep the SSLCs open.

Thanks You.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree