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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Martha

Last Name: Browning

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with: Austin State Supported Living Center

City: Cedar Park

State: Texas

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

My input concerning the staff report includes opposition to closing the state school. My name is Marcy Browning. I am guardian for the care of my brother, Peter Browning. I am honoring my parents decision to keep my brother in the State Schools, as he has been a resident for most of his life. His medical care, I believe, will decline in a community care due to lack of medical facilities(which are provided on the Living Campus). How will he be transported if he is in community care when his medical appointments arise?

Most of those residents can not provide for themselves as evidence of their medical records and require 24/7 care. My brother is not an easy person to care for. My concern is also one of liability, what would happen if an accident should happen while those residents are given access to the community? If you are concerned with resident and public safety, I believe this is asking for trouble intermixing this out into the community. I have seen nothing but concern and love for the caregivers taking care of my brother at Austin State Supported Living Center.

I believe if you really want to gauge the care the residents receive and how difficult some of the job tasks are due to residents emotional, physical limitations, put yourself in the families or guardians individual perspective, not as a lobbyist or political correctness. This affects each and every one of us as families and guardians. Thank you for your time.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

My recommendations on this agency are: rebuilding/remodeling the State Supported Living Center, eliminating the government bureaucratic paperwork for care of residents. Having salary caps for upper management, include new metrics for performance, consolidating contracts, provide more oversight for providers, including severe punishment, fines for violations. Change statutory provisions and change the ability to collect and issue fines.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree