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Agency: DEPARTMENT ASSISTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES DARS

First Name: Cheryl

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Title: Chair

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: Good morning, I am a survivor of acquired brain injury from an incident in 1994. I did not know about the services DARS offers until I went to work for that agency in 2007. In my time there I learned a great deal about how much they can offer people and the dedication of many of the employees. The services they offered helped many individuals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Increase the public knowledge about the services that DARS and the other HHSC agencies offer. I traveled much of my recovery path alone, without any kind of therapy, planning or support. When I got to DARS I found much I could have benefited from. Can we get the word out better so that more Texans get the services they need, especially when those services are available? Thank you.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree