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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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

Agreement with many points within the report. Items that require rapid implementation are the ability for DADS to enforce and escalate fines. This is particularly important since many abuse and neglect issues go unreported as required. Our family has personally witnessed at least 6 actions that should have been in violation ICF rules but were likely never reported or investigated.

Key Points of Disagreement

- 1 – The operational cost comparisons between SSLC’s and Private ICF facilities are not an accurate representation. Private ICF receives a percentage of medical reimbursement from private insurance plans of residents and reduces the line item published cost per resident for medical care and is not reported within the report. Other items not accounted within the private ICF cost comparison are entertainment and activities that are supplied to private ICF by charitable organizations and are actually part of the cost incurred at SSLC’s. These omissions unfairly skew the private costs while still being an actual cost borne to properly operate the facility.
- 2 – There is no discussion within the Sunset Document related to the improvement of facilities to be retained. **THE FUNDS FROM CLOSING AND SALES OF SSLC FACILITIES SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE REPORT AS PART OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FACILITIES TO BE KEPT OPEN.**
- 3 – The Mexia and San Angelo operations should be immediately recognized as not part of the mission of the SSLC. **CRIMINAL EVALUATIONS, AND HIGH RISK CRIMINAL OFFENDORS SHOULD NOT BE PART OF SSLC.** This is a direct conflict with the SSLC mission.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

- 1 - The Mexia and San Angelo facilities should be rapidly and accurately evaluated. Any true long term residents who are not a part of a high risk offender program or criminal evaluation should be moved to other facilities.

The Mexia and San Angelo facilities should then be sold or transferred to the control of the Department of Corrections.

2 - Facilities with significant outdoor acreage should be evaluated for potential revenue sources. Use of the park-like grounds for Farmers Markets, Craft fairs and other community activities are a potential source of miscellaneous income and a way to encourage community activity and participation with the SSLC.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree