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Agency: DEPARTMENT ASSISTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES DARS

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

I am concerned that my counselor tries to use 'supported employment' as a means to farm out work. I have not had direct oversight on my case.

THE supported employment providers paid by the agency have not paid attention to the fact I have epilepsy and cannot drive/do not have a DL. They have withheld interviews which I was supposed to go on until after they passed.

And they refused to acknowledge that I already had computer skills, instead insisting that I complete a course where I label a 'computer mouse'. When I refused to do this and instead wanted to look for compatible jobs, I was called mentally ill. I had to call in Disability Rights Texas for investigation of my counselor because he believed the supported employment provider in spite of their mistreatment.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

If DARS pays supported employment providers, they must submit a log of activities to the counselor on a weekly basis. The log must be a detailed description of what is being done with the client and the expected outcome.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree