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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:

My name is Steven M. Croft, M.D., I'm a neurologist in private practice and I've had the privilege of serving as the neurology consultant to Austin, Richmond and Brenham SSLCs. I hold neurology clinic once or twice a month at each of these facilities and serve as a resource for the physicians and staff at each facility. Most of the residents I see have severe, refractory seizures and are wheelchair bound and unable to communicate verbally. These people require total round the clock care.

Additionally, in my office practice,I have also seen several individuals who have been discharged into the community to group home from the SSLCs.

Sometimes it works out well, but I've also seen cases where discharge into the community has been detrimental to the patient. The needs of the patient simply exceed the resources available in the community. I've seen my patients have more seizures, and make more trips to the emergency room. I've witnessed staff members who are not trained and not familiar with the care of the patients involved. Discharge to the community has been detrimental to those patients health and more expensive and inefficient for the tax payers.

While in some individual situations, discharge into the community is appropriate. Closure of more state schools, will have a negative effect of the health and well being on some of the most fragile members of our state.

I urge you to keep the SSLCs open!

Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I urge the state to let the SSLC's remain open and give them the support they need to function well.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree