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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: I am a Neurologist taking care of patients with epilepsy that are residents of the state supported living centers. Many of the patients that I see have very difficult to control and very severe seizures ("grand mal") and also seizures that result in falls and injuries. It is not uncommon for the patients that I see to end up in the emergency room because of seizures and they can result in prolonged hospitalizations. The cost to the system and community in general, in my opinion, will be far greater if these patients are released into the community group home. The patients need close monitoring by medical personnel.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would encourage the agency to continue for the patients to be cared for in an environment where they receive close and supervised care by medical personnel so that they can receive their medications regularly and are closely monitored. The current system allows for this and should be continued.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree