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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: William

Last Name: Glover

Title: Brother of two residents of ASSLC

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Georgetown

State: Texas

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

My father, John Glover, and I are writing you concerned with the committee's recommendation for closure of ASSLC and further closures of other state supported living centers. My two siblings, Pamela Glover (67) and Robert Glover (63), have been at the Austin State Supported Living Center for over 50 years. They both are nonverbal, severely handicapped mentally, along with physical handicaps and need constant supervision.

The Austin State School, now Austin State Supported Living Center, has provided our loved ones with the care and nurturing needed for them to live as normal a life as possible these many years. For the small amount of times that there were problems, communication from ASSLC was quickly done and the problems were handled in a timely manner. My father states that he prefers ASSLC over the group homes because they are happy and comfortable at their home for over fifty years and for the services and care ASSLC has provided along the way. Dad also stated that there are many eyes looking in on Pam and Robert at ASSLC which would not be present at smaller group homes.

My parents were weekly visitors of my brother and sister up until 2010 when my mom passed away and my dad became less mobile. I have tried to make a monthly visit since that time. During these visits, when we took them out for a ride around Austin, we noticed how happy they were to get back to their homes after the ride. We have concern for that happiness and care if they are forced to leave ASSLC.

Thank you for your consideration,

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

It is hard for consistent change to take place if directorship and mission is replaced every year for four to five years. When I first started teaching we went through 5 principals in one year and many of the staff tried to find other jobs at the end of the year. Two years later, with having only one principal and one system in place for two years much less of the staff left and there were less problems within the school. I see a similarity between my school experience and ASSLC.

What are the legislatures' intentions?

It is financially unlikely that the state will open new facilities or reopen old facilities at the level of ASSLC, therefore I think it would be wise to find good leadership and good systems and give them time and money to be successful. I know there are quality, caring people at ASSLC who can make a difference if given the chance.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree