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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 very concerned about reports of residents' injuries and about grossly inadequate responses by caregivers at AusSSLC. However, in over 10 years of volunteering with the Chapel Program there, I have observed some very fragile residents - I am not sure how well their care could be provided in group homes and how well these homes would be supervised. (Who visits them? How often? What is the staff to client ratio?) Staff turnover at AusSSLC seems to have become more frequent, and this, together with apparently inadequate staff training and monitoring, undoubtedly has affected the residents' safety and care. I believe DADS should screen caregiver applicants very carefully, then invest in their competence and pay them an adequate salary. If the physical plant is too expensive to maintain, perhaps part of the land could be leased or sold, with funds invested in improving the caregiver staff.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: See above.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree