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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Non smoking suggestion; Time for Health and Human Services to live healthy!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:
"MD Anderson will no longer hire smokers starting 2015. Urine screen enforced"

THIS IS A SMART IDEA !!!

Please put forth this excellent idea for anyone that works at HHSC AND ALL DEPARTMENTS UNDER IT..

Advantages:

Staff will not have to clean up all the flit left by smokers at all facilities

Cost of medical care costs will go down (workers are insured by the state)

Non Smoker workers and all people that receive services will not be exposed to second hand smoke..

Workers will not take off for smoking breaks

Do not allow anyone that contracts with any of your agencies to allow smoking including group homes, day habs, foster homes and nursing homes

Rather than closing down facilities all the agencies and those companies that receive our funding from the agency should start to live healthy

Ileene Robinson

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

Ileene Robinson

June 25, 2014

SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION TESTIMONY

"All innocent human life must be respected and safeguarded from fertilization to natural death; therefore, the unborn, the aged, and the physically or mentally challenged have a fundamental individual right to life, which cannot be infringed."
(Quote from - Republican Party Platform 2014)

Issue 3

The Commission staff report does address "a time to live and a time to die" since it recommends actions that are unsafe and shows lack of respect for the most fragile Texans; putting people into unfamiliar environments with unfamiliar people, no over sight, no safety rules, no special equipment and endless lists of missing items and services lacking in group homes and day habilitations. If ADA bathrooms were put into all day habs and homes at \$24,000 each and if the proper kind of care is instituted, that is available in all SSLCs, the savings would be a huge negative figure. We hope the Commission will acknowledge and address these problems thoroughly before any life is put at risk.

Issue 2

We elected our state Senators and State Representatives to make sound and proper decisions for us. This is our democratic form of government. An appointed commission should never make such quality of life and/or life sustaining decisions for Texans. This is the business of the Texas Legislature.

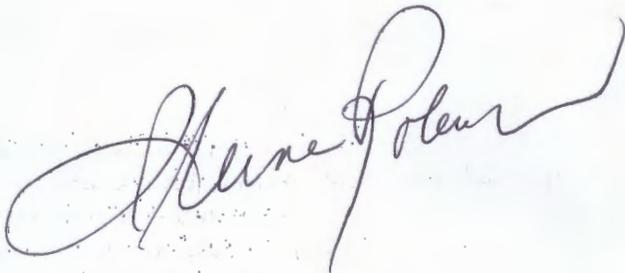
Issue 1

DADS should not close the Austin State SSLC putting lives at risk without lack of proper planning. Let Texas show leadership to conduct research into cells in the brain and find the cause and cure of many conditions from pica to autism. We are doing this with cancer and it is working. Let Austin SSLC form partnerships with the new and surrounding medical schools to find the answer to these costly conditions. Let doctors and scientists study residents at the Austin SSLC as we build a new facility for these folks outside of Austin so the state can finally have this land which is so valuable that, at times, it seems the land is more valuable than the people being served at the Austin facility.

This new facility would be state of art in care and structure. There are surrounding counties that would welcome residents and workers from both the state hospital and living center. Imagine the innovation this would show in our state. In Israel, at the Hadassah Medical Center a team of doctors and scientists are doing cutting edge research in the study of genes. The state has partnered with Israel in agricultural and water projects. Now, we need to add brain research and cure these conditions once and for all. We can attract the best of the best in doctors and scientists. All our state medical schools can join this research and a proud Texan will receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

The plan must be to build first and then move the Austin residents and staff to it.

This is how we should be thinking about this situation in our state.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Polun". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.