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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
RICHMOND, VA

October 2, 2014

Mr. Connie Cochran
Assistant Commissioner

Dear Mr. Cochran:

I am writing you to express my concern regarding a report issued by your department titled, "Summary of Cost Analysis – SB627 Workgroup." This report I have found contains many errors, inconsistencies and false premises. As the parent/guardian of Barbara Susan Fallis, a 54 year-old severely intellectually disabled 41-year resident of the Central Virginia Training Center, I am of course in strong disagreement with the reports assumptions that all training center residents could be well accommodated in community settings. On the contrary, lacking ICF status as they do, community group homes are by definition inferior to training centers in the level of care and treatment provided to the intellectually disabled. No amount of platitudes and fantasy driven rhetoric coming from the depths of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services will change that fact.

Returning to the aforementioned report I must tell you that aside from the false assertions contained in this report, and there are many, even the math does not make sense. For example, the chart at the top of page 4 of the report, "Scenario 1: Four Training Centers Remain Open," the very first line showing Census Benchmark 1 (Approx. 75%) and Census Benchmark 2 (Approx 50%) don't compute. The former at 75% showing a census of 84 operates off of a base population of 112 while the later at 50% operates off of a base of 130. Every line item (7) in this chart has the same problem.

Another bit of questionable information can be found on page 1 of APPENDIX A. Under "No Training Centers Remaining Open" the report relating to savings asserts that, "an additional \$8.3 million" could support up to 243 community ID waivers. Doing the math we get an average of \$34,156 per waiver. This is a number that to the best of my knowledge previously has never been mentioned.

Finally, I have found many errors in this report, so many as a matter of fact that I find it unworthy of serious consideration. I would suggest that whoever contributed the math calculations in this report be given another assignment that does not involve simple arithmetic.

Sincerely,
Charles L. Fallis, Treasurer
CVTC Families and Friends, Inc.