

December 29, 2015

To: Commissioner Murray, DDS

From: Jamie Lazaroff, Self Advocate
Secretary, Council on Developmental Services

Re: STS Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Close Southbury Training School and the remaining Regional Centers

Justification: This would be a cost cutting measure for the Department of Developmental Services. The savings for the state needs to be passed on to the private provider agencies that provide the majority of services to people with disabilities.

Recommendation 2: According to reports this would save the state nearly 221million dollars a year.

Justification: These dollars should then be passed on to the private sector, who will support the individuals leaving these institutions in community based housing and programs.

Recommendation 3: DDS gets out of the service delivery business

Justification: DDS becomes an oversight agency to the non profits who will be supporting these individuals

Recommendation 4: DDS will ask for input from the nonprofit sector, the state and private sector Self Advocates and families from across the state

Justification: By-in from all parties involved