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Hi Joseph,

We just received the notice of the hearing for tomorrow and were asked to send in anything of concern.

We are part of the parents group of adults with developmental disabilities in lower Fairfield.

What is written is a very rough draft of what be given in detail if we are given some time to voice our concerns for our children.

Wish that had been given more time to draft our ideas and also fully absorb the nuances of the five year plan.

Clearly, there is hope here.

What is not evident is any element of accountability on the parts of group homes for their actions and their monopoly on the lives of our children. The issue of transparency and accountability remains at large.

DDS itself is not very responsive on this issue. The mandate for the group homes is health and safety for this population.

Health is limited to medicines and not carry over of OT and PT and several excuses are made around this.

Trauma is not addressed in these cases. Isolation and not being buffeted from bullying each other only exacerbates the suffering.

There is no mandate whereby work places ensure that they do not verbally and physically hurt each other.

Problem solving approach is largely absent in group homes and in DDS unless one is lucky enough to get a good case manager and supervisor.

There are a list of issues and would like to be able to get some understanding that they will be heard and woven into the plan.

Parent/guardian presence is absolutely necessary to voice concerns on an ongoing basis.

Thank you very much this opportunity to voice these concerns.

Sincerely,
Nina Nagy



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