

TO: Representative Will Carpenter and Special Committee on Targeted Case Management

FROM: Mary T. Baugh, Guardian to Barbara M. Compton

RE: Testimony to Special Committee on Targeted Case Management

I am the Guardian and sister of Barbara A. Compton, an IDD adult, who has been a resident with Lakemary for the last 26 years. Barbara has been in this system with a Targeted Case Manager with Lakemary Center the whole time and has not only blossomed in their care, but has a wonderful relationship with her Case Manager. Barbara has moved from just being IDD to also having the beginning stages of dementia which makes her challenging to handle at times. Keeping the Targeted Case Management system for Barbara is critical as she does not handle change well and becomes very agitated when confronted with it.

As an example, Barbara has developed a bone on bone problem with her hip but due to her IDD she cannot handle a surgery. Her current Targeted Case Manager has continually conferred with me and our family on all the special things they are doing to help make Barbara more comfortable both at day services and at home. He recently suggested moving her bedroom from upstairs to a lower level to reduce the amount of steps she has to navigate each day. Barbara trusts this man, as does our family, and she is very comfortable with him. It would be very difficult to bring in a total stranger that would have to get to know all the idiosyncrasies of Barbara's personality.

I would join the other Guardians of the individuals that live with my sister in asking to please leave the Targeted Case Management in place. A change would have a traumatic effect on our IDD family members as well on each of them.