# STUDY OF FEASIBILITY OF FACILITY CLOSURES AND CONSOLIDATIONS – FISCAL YEAR 2005 (STATE SCHOOLS)

**Texas Health & Human Services Commission** 



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### State School Overview

### 1.1 Project Background

During the 78<sup>th</sup> Regular Session, the Texas State Legislature passed Rider 55 as part of the General Appropriations Act. Rider 55 requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to study the feasibility of closure and consolidation of state hospitals and state schools. To comply with the rider, HHSC issued an RFP and selected Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) to study the feasibility of closure and/or consolidation of state hospitals and state schools.

### 1.2 State School Background Information

Many states have undertaken reviews of state hospital and state school bed capacity. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the Olmstead vs. L.C. case, the widespread use of evidenced based practices and other improved practices that increase access to community based care, and efforts among stakeholders and advocacy groups to promote de-institutionalization of persons with mental illness and mental retardation have raised questions about the future of large residential settings across the country. In addition, many states experience decreases in their net costs when selected institutional services are relocated to community settings.

Chart 1-1 sums the total number of mental retardation caseloads above and compares it to Texas' population. This chart reveals that as Texas' population has risen over the past six years, the caseloads receiving mental retardation services per 100,000 persons in the population has declined. While it is important to note that the total number of persons served by the Texas Mental Retardation system appears to have decreased since 1999, the services included in the caseload computation do not represent every service available to persons with developmental disabilities. Rather, this computation includes those services that are exclusive to persons with developmental disabilities. The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) provides other services that are available to persons with developmental disabilities but are also open to others who are eligible for DADS services.

Chart 1-1
Proportion of Caseloads Relative to TX Population Receiving Mental Retardation Services
1999-2004

Year	Caseloads Receiving Mental Retardation Services <sup>1</sup>	US Census Texas Population	Caseloads Receiving Mental Retardation Services per 100,000
1999	50,495	20,044,141	252
2000	51,022	20,851,820	245
2001	51,734	21,325,018	243
2002	49,637	21,518,555	231
2003	50,617	22,118,509	229
2004	47,306	22,293,020	212

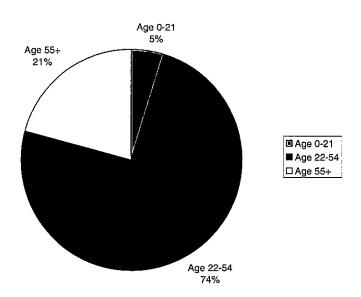
 $<sup>^{1}\,</sup>$  Legislative Appropriation Request and DADS Monthly Forecasts

The steady incidence of mental retardation in the overall population, the increases in life span among those with developmental disabilities and the expanding Texas population suggests there is increased pressure on the existing service system, community and institutional, to meet the needs of persons with mental retardation. Anecdotally, it would appear that much of the demand has shifted from institutional services to the community system. However, closing additional state facility beds would exacerbate the unmet demand for services without creating the financial opportunity for the state to respond.

In FY04, Texas provided residential services for approximately 4,879 individuals with developmental disabilities in 11 state schools and 2 state centers. All state schools reported near full occupancy when measuring residents to funded beds; however, the number of funded beds in the state mental retardation system does not represent the total number of beds. It is a count of the number of beds for which the state provides funding. In fact, there are an additional 990 beds across state schools that, with funding and renovation, could be made available to clients.

Unlike state hospitals, state schools do not have beds dedicated to specific populations, although three state schools do have special programs to serve individuals admitted through the criminal justice system. The majority of state school residents are adults; however, there is an increasing elderly population. Advances in medicine have enabled many persons with developmental disabilities to live into old age. This is illustrated by the number of state school residents above the age of 55 which is projected to steadily increase.

Chart 1-2
State School Residents by Age



Admissions to state schools have increased in the past three years but at a slower rate than discharges (including community placements, discharges and resident deaths)<sup>2</sup>. As a result, enrollment in state schools has decreased overall. According to the same data source, the average number of admissions per month across state schools between 9/1/01 and 4/1/04 was 17 persons while the average number of discharges for the same time was 24 people. Given the low turnover, it is clear that residents in state schools tend to reside there for extended periods of time.

Although the funded capacity of state schools is near full occupancy, it is clear from the decreasing utilization of the service combined with the number of additional certified beds that many of the facilities have space that is not being used for active residential or treatment purposes. This suggests that, from a facility standpoint, it may be possible to consolidate state facilities. Facility consolidation can avoid the high, deferred costs associated with the maintenance of state-owned properties, as well as reduce the need to rebuild existing facilities or construct new ones. Other factors could support consolidation: Redirection of facility funds and expertise can significantly expand access to high quality community based services for clients. Well-planned moves can yield higher quality of life for many residents. These benefits, however, can only be attained with extensive data collection, planning, careful analysis and widespread stakeholder input. Also, leadership from the legislature and the executive branch would be required to be involved in the process to ensure that resources are transferred appropriately. The utilization decline also presents an opportunity to "right size" facilities with declining censuses-restructuring facility usage to accommodate reduced censuses in an efficient manner while developing the capacity to provide needed community services.

This feasibility study is a step in determining if the benefits of closure and consolidation are feasible for Texas. Based on criteria provided by the Legislature, the study determines if a closure or consolidation is possible and suggests those facilities best suited for the change. The criteria provided by the Legislature were:

- proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities;
- administrative cost of the facility;
- availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by the closure;
- condition of existing facility structures;
- marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities;
- ease of client transfer capability;
- capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure; and
- identification of specialty programs and services.

PCG and HHSC determined that the best approach to fulfilling these requirements was to develop a baseline analysis of statistical, financial and facility data from the state mental health facilities based on the above criteria. PCG drafted a list of indictors that addressed each of the criteria put forth by the Legislature. HHSC reviewed and approved these statistics and directed TDMHMR to provide PCG with the data to produce the analysis. We presented our first draft to HHSC and our contacts in TDMHMR and after refining our data, PCG sent the baseline analysis to state school administrators. The administrators reviewed the analysis, made any necessary corrections and suggested some changes. PCG

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  TDMHMR Enrollment Projections in State Mental Retardation Facilities 9/1/01 – 8/1/05

then updated the baseline analysis. A detailed description of the evaluation criteria used in the baseline analysis follows.

The table below identifies the indicators PCG selected for each of the criteria required by the Legislature.

CRITERIA	MEASUREMENT	SOURCE DATA
C	Travel Distance in Miles to 2 Closest Facilities	Determined the mileage between facilities from TX Comptroller's Mileage Chart and averaged the mileage between the two closest facilities.
Geography	Travel Distance in Minutes to 2 Closest Facilities	Determined the travel time between facilities from Mapquest and averaged the time between the two closest facilities. Converted the results to minutes.
	Total Cost/Day	Averaged total costs and total patient days from the FY02 and FY03 cost report (Medicaid cost report for state schools). Divided total costs by total patient days.
Cost	Administration Cost/Day	Averaged the total administration costs for each facility from FY02 and FY03 (from TDMHMR).  Averaged total patient days for the FY02 and FY03 Medicaid cost report. Divided administrative costs by total patient days.
	State Employees/10,000 Population	Divided the average number of full-time state employees as of 8/31 in FY01-FY04 (from TDMHMR) by the US Census 2000 population of the county of the institution and contiguous counties. Multiplied by 10,000.
Employment	Unemployment Rate	Obtained the unemployment rate of each institution's county and contiguous counties for FY03 from the Bureau of Labor & Statistics. Calculated the weighted average for each facility based on US Census 2000 population
	Size of Employer within Area	Identified the rank of the facility based on employees (using average full-time state employees as of FY01-FY04) as compared to other institutions within the county (from Chambers of Commerce).

CRITERIA	MEASUREMENT	SOURCE DATA
	Facility Condition Index	Divided total deferred maintenance costs reported on the 2004 Computer Aided Facility Management (CAFM) system report, Facility Summary with Site Systems, (where total deferred maintenance costs are total maintenance costs that are deferred to a future budget cycle) by the Current Replacement Value (current costs of replacing items) reported on same report.
Facility Condition	Value of Planned Construction	Summed value for Architect/Engineer (AE) contract awards, construction contract awards, construction documents, design development, on-hold programming and schematic design for FY01-FY04 from TDMHMR.
	Forecasted Renewal Costs/Staffed Bed	Divided the forecasted renewal costs for the next five years reported on the 2004 CAFM system report, Facility Summary with Site Systems, by the number of beds (Staffed beds from the FY03 Medicaid cost report for state schools).
	Critical Deferred Maintenance/ Staffed Bed	Divided the critical deficiency costs reported on the 2004 CAFM system report, Facility Summary with Site Systems, by the number of beds (Staffed beds from the FY03 Medicaid cost report for state schools).
	Market Value of Land	Inventory value of land from the General Land Office Report to the 77th Legislature
Marketability	Bonded Amount to Repay in the Event of the Sale of the Facility	Sum of bonded amounts left to repay as of April 2004 (from TDMHMR)

CRITERIA	MEASUREMENT	SOURCE DATA
	ADC/100,000 Population  Current Enrollment	Multiplied the average daily census in FY01-FY03 by 100,000 (from TDMHMR). Divided by US Census 2000 population of area served based on each institution's service delivery area (as defined on the TDMHMR website).  Determined the current enrollment based on FY03
		patient days from the cost report (Medicaid cost report for state schools).
Client Impact/Ease of	Average Wait Days Between Referral for Community Placement and Actual Placement	Averaged the number of days between a referral for community placement with an actual placement for FY03-FY04 (from TDMHMR).
Transfer	Elderly Residents	Calculated the number of residents over the age of 55 in each facility as of FY04 (from TDMHMR).
	Number of Clients with Pervasive or Pervasive Plus LON	Calculated the number of residents with either a pervasive or pervasive plus level of need in each facility as of FY04 (from TDMHMR).
	Number of Clients in Facility Greater than 20 Years	Calculated the number of residents with lengths of stay in each facility of greater than 20 years as of FY04 (from TDMHMR).
	Number of Clients with Severe Health Status	Calculated the number of current residents with health status of severe as of FY04 (from TDMHMR).
Capacity to	Vacant and Presently Unfunded Certified Beds	Calculated the current number of vacant certified beds as of FY04 (from TDMHMR)
Accommodate Clients	Vacant and Presently Unfunded Available Certified Beds	Calculated the current number of immediately available vacant certified beds as of FY04 (from TDMHMR)
Specialty Program	Admits from the Criminal Justice System	Determined which facilities admit residents from the criminal justice system.

After calculating the measurements described above, PCG calculated the range spanned by the facilities. We divided this information by four and then arranged the facilities into quartiles. For example, if the highest result of a measurement across all schools was 25 and the lowest result was 1, PCG calculated the range at 24. Each quartile then was valued at 6. Facilities with a result of 1-6 were assigned to quartile 1; facilities with a result of 6-12 were assigned to quartile 2; and so on. PCG arranged the quartiles such that results representing the lowest barriers to closure were assigned to the first quartile and results represented the greatest barriers to closure were assigned to the fourth quartile. Each measurement within a criterion was assigned the same weight.

The following graphs detail the summarized results of the baseline analysis (individual results can be found in the detailed description of each facility). Each chart weights the criteria in a different manner, with Chart 1-4 assigning equal weight across all criteria. Because ease of transfer and capacity to accommodate transfers represent criteria related to patient care, these criteria were weighted twice the other criteria in every other chart. The charts rotate assigning double weight to another criterion besides

ease of transfer and capacity to accommodate transfers. For example, Chart 1-5 assigns double weight to geography, ease of transfer and capacity to accommodate transfers. In the absence of specific weighting instructions in the rider, PCG produced results that consistently weighted the patient and client criteria twice that of other criteria. The criteria specified by the Legislature allow for a decision to be made based on the criteria alone; however, there are situations in which the criteria and the conclusions that can be drawn from them may be influenced by outside circumstances. To account for this, HHSC and Public Consulting Group developed several statistics that would measure each criterion. We believe that the measures developed afford a good look at where facilities fall within the criteria. However, there exists the possibility that how the measures are defined, developed and used could influence the outcome of the baseline analysis. The various weighting of the criteria attempts to minimize this possibility.

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# I.3 Summary of Baseline Analysis – Schools Chart 1-3

TX STATE SCHOOL BASELINE ANALYSIS
Baseline Analysis Summary

Average of quadrant ranking where the highest number represents the biggest barriers to closure

The criteria are weighted equally

							Capacity to		
				Facility		Ease of	Accommodate	Specialty	•
Criteria	Geography	Cost	Employment	Condition	Marketability	Transfer	Clients	Program	Total
Austin	1,00	3.00	1.33	2.00	00'1	2.71	1.50	1.00	13.55
El Paso	4.00	2.00	2.00	3.75	2.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	17.25
San Antonio	1.00	4.00	1.67	3.50	3.50	1.71	1.50	1.00	17.88
Lufkin	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.25	2.50	2.14	2.00	1.00	17.89
Denton	1.00	4.00	2.67	2.50	3.00	3.14	1.50	1.00	18.81
Lubbock	2.00	3.50	2.33	3.00	2.50	2.00	2.50	1.00	18.83
San Angelo	1,50	1.00	3.00	1.75	3.00	1.71	3.50	4.00	19.46
Brenham	1.00	3.50	2,33	3.25	3.00	1.7.1	4.00	1:00	19.80
Richmond	1.00	3.00	2.67	2.50	3.00	3.14	3.50	00:1	18.61
Corpus Christi	1.50	3.50	3.00	2.50	2:00	1.86	2.50	4.00	20.86
Abilene	00'1	3.50	3.00	2.50	4.00	3.29	3.50	00.1	21.79
Mexia	1.00	1.50	3.00	2.00	4.00	2.57	4.00	4.00	22.07

closure. The average school has 19.00 points and there is a range of 8.52 points between the facility with the lowest barriers to closure and the The graph above assigns the same weight to each of the eight criteria identified by the Legislature. Under this ranking scheme, Austin State School with 13.55 points presents the lowest barrier to closure while the Mexia State School with 13.55 points presents the greatest barrier to facility with the highest barriers to closure. Health and Human Services Commission Study of Feasibility of Facility Closures and Consolidation

Chart 1-4

TX STATE SCHOOL BASELINE ANALYSIS

Baseline Analysis Summary

Average of quadrant ranking where the highest number represents the biggest barriers to closure The geography, ease of transfer and capacity criteria are weighted twice the other criteria

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							Capacity to		
				Facility		Ease of	Accommodate	Specialty	
Criteria	Geography	Cost	Employment	Condition	Marketability	Transfer	Clients	Program	Total
Austin	2.00	3.00	1,33	2.00	00'1	5.43	3.00	1.00	18.76
San Antonio	2.00	4.00	1.91	3.50	3.50	3.43	3.00	1.00	22.10
Lufkin	2.00	4.00	3.00	2.25	2.50	4.29	4.00	1.00	23.04
El Paso	8.00	2.00	2.00	3.75	2.50	2.00	2.00	1:00	23.25
Denton	2.00	4.00	2.67	2.50	3.00	6.29	3.00	1.00	24.45
Lubbock	4.00	3.50	2.33	3.00	2.50	4.00	5.00	1.00	25.33
San Angelo	3.00	1.00	3.00	1.75	3.00	3.43	7.00	4.00	26.18
Brenham	2.00	3.50	2.33	3.25	3.00	3.43	8.00	00:1	26.51
Corpus Christi	3.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	3.71	5.00	4.00	26.71
Richmond	2.00	3,00	2.67	2.50	3.00	6.29	7.00	00.1	27.45
Abilene	2.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	4.00	6.57	7,00	00:1	29.57
Mexia	2.00	1.50	3.00	2.00	4,00	5.14	8.00	4.00	29.64

barrier to closure. The average school has 25.25 points and there is a range of 10.88 points between the facility with the lowest barriers to closure The graph above weights geography, ease of transfer and capacity to accommodate clients at twice the other criteria. Under this ranking scheme, Austin State School with 18.76 points presents the lowest barrier to closure while the Mexia State School with 29.64 points presents the greatest and the facility with the highest barriers to closure.

Chart 1-5

TX STATE SCHOOL BASELINE ANALYSIS

Baseline Analysis Summary

Average of quadrant ranking where the highest number represents the biggest barriers to closure The cost criterion, ease of transfer and capacity criteria are twice the other criteria

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				Facility		Ease of	Accommodate	Specialty	
Criteria	Geography	Cost	Employment	Condition	Marketability	Transfer	Clients	Program	Total
Austin	1.00	90.9	1.33	2.00	00'I	5.43	3.00	1.00	20.76
El Paso	4.00	4.00	2.00	3.75	2.50	2.00	2.00	1.00	21.25
San Antonio	00'1	8.00	1.67	3.50	3.50	3.43	3.00	1.00	25.10
San Angelo	1.50	2.00	3.00	1.75	3.00	3.43	00'L	4.00	25.68
Lufkin	1.00	8.00	3.00	2.25	2.50	4.29	4.00	1.00	26.04
Lubbock	2.00	7.00	2.33	3.00	2.50	4.00	2.00	1.00	26.83
Denton	1.00	8.00	2.67	2.50	3.00	6.29	3,00	1.00	27.45
Corpus Christi	1.50	7.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	3.71	2.00	4.00	28.71
Brenham	1.00	7.00	2.33	3.25	3.00	3.43	8.00	1.00	29.01
Richmond	1.00	00'9	2.67	2.50	3.00	6.29	7.00	1.00	29.45
Mexia	1.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	4.00	5.14	8.00	4.00	30.14
Abilene	00.1	7.00	3.00	2.50	4.00	6.57	7.00	1.00	32.07

to closure. The average school has 26.88 points and there is a range of 11.31 points between the facility with the lowest barriers to closure and the The graph above weights cost, ease of transfer and capacity to accommodate clients at twice the other criteria. Under this ranking scheme, Austin State School with 20.76 points presents the lowest barrier to closure while the Abilene State School with 32.07 points presents the greatest barrier facility with the highest barriers to closure.

Chart 1-6

TX STATE SCHOOL BASELINE ANALYSIS

Baseline Analysis Summary

Average of quadrant ranking where the highest number represents the biggest barriers to closure The employment, ease of transfer and capacity criteria are weighted twice the other criteria

							Capacity to		
				Facility		Ease of	Accommodate	Specialty	
Criteria	Geography	Cost	Employment	Condition	Marketability	Transfer	Clients	Program	Total
Austin	1,00	3.00	2.67	2.00	1.00	5.43	3.00	1.00	19,10
El Paso	4.00	2.00	4.00	3.75	2.50	2,00	2.00	1.00	21.25
San Antonio	00'1	4.00	3.33	3.50	3.50	3.43	3.00	1.00	22.76
Lufkin	00'1	4.00	00'9	2.25	2.50	4.29	4.00	1.00	25.04
Lubbock	2.00	3.50	4.67	3.00	2.50	4.00	2.00	1.00	25.67
Denton	00'1	4.00	5.33	2.50	3.00	6.29	3.00	1.00	26,12
San Angelo	1.50	1.00	00'9	1.75	3'00	3.43	7.00	4.00	27.68
Brenhan	00'1	3.50	4.67	3.25	3.00	3.43	8.00	1.00	27.85
Corpus Christi	1,50	3.50	00'9	2.50	2.00	3.71	2.00	4.00	28.21
Richmond	1.00	3.00	5.33	2.50	3.00	6.29	7.00	1.00	29.12
Abilene	1,00	3.50	00'9	2.50	4.00	6.57	00'L	1.00	31.57
Mexia	1.00	1.50	00'9	2.00	4.00	5.14	8.00	4.00	31.64

The graph above weights employment, ease of transfer and capacity to accommodate clients at twice the other criteria. Under this ranking scheme, Austin State School with 31.64 points presents the lowest barrier to closure while the Mexia State School with 31.64 points presents the greatest barrier to closure. The average school has 26.33 points and there is a range of 12.55 points between the facility with the lowest barriers to closure and the facility with the highest barriers to closure.

Chart 1-7

TX STATE SCHOOL BASELINE ANALYSIS

Baseline Analysis Summary

Average of quadrant ranking where the highest number represents the biggest barriers to closure The facility condition, ease of transfer and capacity criteria are weighted twice the other criteria

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							Capacity to		
				Facility		Ease of	Accommodate	Specialty	
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Austin	00'1	3.00	1.33	4.00	1.00	5.43	3.00	1.00	19.76
El Paso	4.00	2.00	2.00	7.50	2.50	2.00	2.00	00.1	23.00
Lufkin	1.00	4.00	3.00	4.50	2.50	4.29	4.00	00:1	24.29
San Antonio	00.1	4.00	1.67	7.00	3.50	3.43	3.00	00.1	24.60
Denton	00'1	4.00	2.67	5.00	3.00	6.29	3.00	00'1	25.95
Lubbock	2.00	3.50	2.33	00.9	2.50	4.00	5.00	00'1	26.33
San Angelo	1.50	1.00	3.00	3.50	3.00	3.43	7.00	4.00	26.43
Corpus Christi	1.50	3.50	3.00	5.00	2.00	3.71	5.00	4.00	27.71
Brenham	1.00	3.50	2.33	6.50	3.00	3.43	8.00	00.1	28.76
Richmond	1.00	3.00	2.67	5.00	3.00	6.29	7.00	00'T	28.95
Mexia	1.00	1,50	3.00	4.00	4.00	5.14	8.00	4.00	30.64
Abilene	1.00	3.50	3.00	5.00	4.00	6.57	7.00	00'1	31.07

scheme, Austin State School with 19.76 points presents the lowest barrier to closure while the Abilene State School with 31.07 points presents the greatest barrier to closure. The average school has 26.46 points and there is a range of 11.31 points between the facility with the lowest barriers to The graph above weights facility condition, ease of transfer and capacity to accommodate clients at twice the other criteria. Under this ranking closure and the facility with the highest barriers to closure.

**Chart 1-8** 

TX STATE SCHOOL BASELINE ANALYSIS
Baseline Analysis Summary

Average of quadrant ranking where the highest number represents the biggest barriers to closure The marketability, case of transfer and capacity criteria are weighted twice the other criteria

		)					Capacity to		
				Facility		Ease of	Accommodate	Specialty	
Criteria	Geography	Cost	Employment	Condition	Marketability	Transfer	Clients	Program	Total
Austin	1.00	3.00	1.33	2.00	2.00	5.43	3.00	1.00	18.76
El Paso	4.00	2.00	2.00	3.75	5.00	2.00	2,00	1.00	21.75
Lufkin	1.00	4.00	3,00	2.25	2.00	4,29	4.00	00'1	24.54
San Antonio	1.00	4.00	1.67	3.50	00'L	3.43	3.00	00.1	24.60
Lubbock	2.00	3.50	2.33	3.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	1.00	25.83
Denton	1.00	4.00	2.67	2.50	00'9	6.29	3,00	1.00	26.45
Corpus Christi	1,50	3.50	3.00	2.50	4.00	3.71	5.00	4.00	27.21
San Angelo	1.50	1.00	3.00	1.75	00'9	3,43	7.00	4.00	27.68
Brenham	1.00	3.50	2.33	3.25	00'9	3.43	8.00	1.00	28.51
Richmond	1.00	3.00	2.67	2,50	00'9	6.29	7.00	1.00	29.45
Abilene	1.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	00'8	6.57	7.00	1.00	32.57
Mexia	00'1	1.50	3.00	2.00	8.00	5.14	8.00	4.00	32.64

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Chart 1-9

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Baseline Analysis Summary

Average of quadrant ranking where the highest number represents the biggest barriers to closure The ease of transfer and capacity criteria are weighted twice the other criteria

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							Capacity to		
				Facility		Ease of	Accommodate	Specialty	
Criteria	Geography	Cost	Employment	Condition	Marketability	Transfer	Clients	Program	Total
Austin	1.00	3.00	1.33	2.00	1.00	5,43	3.00	00'1	17.76
El Paso	4.00	2.00	2.00	3.75	2,50	2.00	2:00	90.1	19.25
San Antonio	1.00	4.00	<i>L</i> 9'1	3.50	3.50	3.43	3.00	00'1	21.10
Lufkin	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.25	2,50	4,29	4.00	00'1	22.04
Lubbock	2.00	3.50	2,33	3.00	2.50	4.00	5.00	00'1	23.33
Denton	1.00	4.00	2.67	2.50	3.00	6.29	3.00	00'1	23.45
San Angelo	1.50	1.00	3.00	1.75	3,00	3.43	7.00	4.00	24.68
Corpus Christi	1.50	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	3.71	5.00	4.00	25.21
Brenham	1.00	3.50	2,33	3.25	3.00	3.43	8.00	00'1	25.51
Richmond	1.00	3.00	2.67	2.50	3.00	6.29	7.00	1.00	26.45
Abilene	1,00	3.50	3.00	2.50	4.00	6.57	7.00	1.00	28.57
Mexia	00'1	1.50	3.00	2.00	4.00	5.14	8.00	4.00	28.64

The graph above weights ease of transfer and capacity to accommodate clients at twice the other criteria. Under this ranking scheme, Austin State closure. The average school has 23.83 points and there is a range of 10.88 points between the facility with the lowest barriers to closure and the School with 17.76 points presents the lowest barrier to closure while the Abilene State School with 28.64 points presents the greatest barrier to facility with the highest barriers to closure.

# Chart 1-10

TX STATE SCHOOL BASELINE ANALYSIS
Baseline Analysis Summary

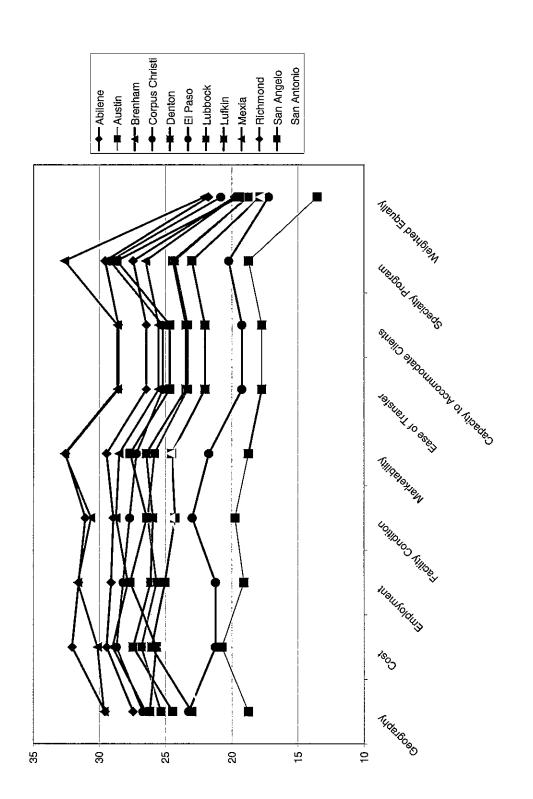
Average of quadrant ranking where the highest number represents the biggest barriers to closure The specially, ease of transfer and canacity criteria are weighted twice the other criteria

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							Capacity to		
				Facility		Ease of	Accommodate	Specialty	
Criteria	Geography	Cost	Employment	Condition	Marketability	Transfer	Clients	Program	Total
Austin	1.00	3.00	1.33	2.00	1.00	5.43	3.00	2:00	18.76
El Paso	4.00	2.00	2.00	3.75	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	20.25
San Antonio	1.00	4.00	1.67	3.50	3.50	3.43	3.00	2.00	22.10
Lufkin	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.25	2.50	4.29	4.00	2.00	23.04
Lubbock	2.00	3.50	2.33	3.00	2.50	4.00	5.00	2.00	24.33
Denton	1.00	4,00	2,67	2.50	3.00	6.29	3.00	2.00	24.45
Brenham	1.00	3.50	2.33	3.25	3.00	3.43	8.00	2.00	26.51
Richmond	1.00	3.00	2.67	2.50	3.00	6.29	7.00	2.00	27.45
San Angelo	1.50	1.00	3.00	51.1	3.00	3.43	7.00	8.00	28.68
Corpus Christi	1.50	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	3.71	5.00	8.00	29.21
Abilene	1.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	4.00	6.57	7.00	2.00	29.57
Mexia	1.00	1.50	3.00	2.00	4.00	5.14	8.00	8.00	32.64

greatest barrier to closure. The average school has 25.58 points and there is a range of 13.88 points between the facility with the lowest barriers to scheme, Austin State School with 18.76 points presents the lowest barrier to closure while the Mexia State School with 32.64 points presents the The graph above weights specialty services, ease of transfer and capacity to accommodate clients at twice the other criteria. Under this ranking closure and the facility with the highest barriers to closure. The following graph illustrates all the different weightings of the criteria described in the above pages together. This model gives the reader a sense of how each school is doing overall, rather than just its performance with regard to each criterion.

Chart 1-11

Health and Human Services Commission Study of Feasibility of Facility Closures and Consolidation



### **State School Baseline Analysis**

### 2.1 Proximity to Other Facilities and Geographical Distribution of Remaining Facilities

The unique demands of the Texas geography play an important role in evaluating facility closure and consolidation. The availability and proximity of state hospital and school services is a critical factor in the success of Local Mental Retardation Authorities in Texas, and potential facility consolidation and closure pose a real threat to these critical factors. In addition, access to state schools is important for visiting family and friends and for residents on furlough. Therefore, any plan must address future access and capacity requirements to ensure continued availability of these critical services for clients and local providers.

In order to measure the impact of geography on the feasibility of closure and consolidation, the report determined the distance between facilities and then averaged the proximity of the two closest remaining facilities to the one being evaluated for closure. The rationale for using this criterion is that, in the event of closure, the State would likely accommodate displaced clients in the next closest facilities. State schools that are relatively far from other facilities were indicated as having higher barriers for closure in evaluating Geography as the clients would be forced further from their home communities. Those with relatively close proximity to other schools were considered as having lower barriers for closure.

The methodology for evaluating the relative distances between facilities was based on the driving distances, in miles, of the facility being evaluated for closure to the two closest remaining facilities. In addition, travel time to the two closest remaining facilities was also evaluated due to the variability in road systems and proximity to major highways.

Because the measurements use the location of the state schools as the basis for the distance calculation, these criteria do not comprehensively address the full impact of travel times and distances facing families and other affected parties who travel long distances to visit clients in their current facility. These indicators also do not incorporate proximity to medical centers that enable some schools to treat individuals with significant medical issues in addition to developmental disabilities. Despite these limitations, the most accurate and reasonable estimate of the impact of geography on the feasibility of closure and consolidation was determined to be these two criteria.

The following charts provide the detailed analysis that was used to evaluate the impact of geography on the feasibility of closure and consolidation:

At the suggestion of several school administrators, we calculated distances between facilities using the Texas Comptroller's Mileage Guide.

					Chart 2-	7-T						
				Corpus								San
Travel Distances in Miles	Abilene	Austin	Brenham	Christi	Denton	El Paso	Lubbock	Lufkin	Mexia	Richmond	San Angelo	Antonio
Abilene	-	218.40	278.40	386.60	185.60	429.00	158.60	338.70	222.60	342.30	86.70	244.90
Austin	218.40	1	09'88	192.00	222.90	269.40	371.00	213.50	141.10	140.60	201.30	77.50
Brenham	278.40	88.60		200.40	234.70	02'959	436.90	140.00	119.70	63.90	289.70	146.90
Corpus Christi	386.60	192.00	200.40	-	406.00	684.40	525.00	323.20	306.30	175.80	349.60	141.90
Denton	185.60	222.90	234.70	406.00	-	09'909	293.80	203.90	121.80	295.00	255.90	295.40
El Paso	429.00	569.40	02'959	684.40	09'909	-	337.90	753.70	644.00	705.90	397.20	544.40
Lubbock	158,60	371.00	436.90	525.00	293.80	337.90	3	487.60	381.20	500.80	183.60	383.30
Lufkin	338.70	213.50	140.00	323.20	203.90	753.70	487.60	1	121.20	147.40	357.90	285.70
Mexia	222.60	141.10	02'611	306.30	121.80	644.00	381.20	121.20	ı	176.50	248.20	218.10
Richmond	342.30	140.60	06'89	175.80	295.00	06'50L	500.80	147.40	176.50	-	340.80	173.80
San Angelo	86.70	201.30	289.70	349.60	255.90	397.20	183.60	357.90	248.20	340.80	1	207.90
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Once the distances between all facilities were calculated, we identified the two facilities that were closest. In evaluating the relative impact of geography on closure, we used the average of these two distances as an estimate of increased travel distances should there be a closure or consolidation.

Chart 2-2

				Corpus								San
Travel Distances in Miles	Abilene	Austin	Brenham	Christi	Denton	El Paso	Lubbock Lufkin	Lufkin	Mexia	Richmond	Richmond   San Angelo	Antonio
Minimum	86.70	77.50	06.69	141.90	121.80	337.90	158.60	121.20	119.70	63.90	86.70	77.50
Minimum 2	158.60	88.60	09'88	175.80	185.60	397.20	183.60	140.00	121,20	140.60	183.60	141.90
Average	122.65	83.05	76.25	158.85	153.70	367.55	171.10	130.60	120.45	102.25	135.15	109.70
The results of this analysis show that Brenham	is show th	at Brenhar	n State Scl	hool is clo	State School is closest in proximity to two other state schools while El Paso State School is furthest	ximity to	two other	state schoc	als while E	Il Paso Sta	ite School	s furthest
from other state schools. To determine the relative significance of these criteria, we have used a quadrant methodology to group facilities in more	To deterr	nine the re	lative sign	ificance or	f these crit	eria, we h	ave used a	quadrant	methodolo	gy to grou	np facilities	s in more
meaningful categories. Because El Paso State	Secause El	Paso State	e is dispro	portionate	is disproportionately farther than other state schools, they were placed in quadrant 4. This indicates	than other sta	state schoo	ols, they w	ere placed	in quadra	ınt 4. This	indicates

that it has the highest barrier for closure based on geographical distances. The following chart provides the quadrant groupings for the facilities based on travel distance in miles:

### Chart 2-3

Average Travel Distance to Two Closest Facilities

	Average	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Travel Distances in Miles	Miles	76.25-149.08	149.08-221.90	221.90-294.73	294.73-367.55
Abilene	122.65	Abilene	-		-
Austin	83.05	Austin	-	-	-
Brenham	76.25	Brenham	-	-	-
Corpus Christi	158.85	-	Corpus Christi	-	
Denton	153.70	-	Denton	-	_
El Paso	367.55	_			El Paso
Lubbock	171.10		Lubbock	-	-
Lufkin	134.30	Lufkin	-	-	-
Mexia	121.50	Mexia	-		
Richmond	105.65	Richmond	-	- :	-
San Angelo	135.15	San Angelo	-		-
San Antonio	109.70	San Antonio	-	- !	-

The quadrant ranking shows that El Paso is a significant outlier with regard to distance and that under the quadrant system, the majority of the state schools fall in the same quadrant and are given the same ranking for barrier to closure.

The chart below tracks the one-way distance in minutes between state schools.

Chart 2-4

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Distances in Minutes   Abilene   Austin   Bren     e	Brenham Chri							1
am 395 - 256	305	Denton	El Paso Lubbock	sk Lufkin	Mexia	Richmond	San Angelo	Antonio
am 395 - 256 - 2 209	ckc	192	465 2	213 391	276	455	139	311
am     395     122       s Christi     435     209       n     192     230       o     465     606       ck     213     502       th     391     335       th     776     173	- 122 209	230	909	502 335	173	196	296	92
s Christi     435     209       n     192     230       o     465     606       ck     213     502       n     391     335       n     276     173	122 - 295	287	724 5	585 185	193	101	413	961
n     192     230       o     465     606       ick     213     502       n     391     335       n     276     173	209 295 -	425	9 089	634 417	398	241	399	129
0     465     606       ick     213     502       1     391     335       2     776     173	230 287 425	-	634	242 382	132	312	322	309
10k 213 502 213 502 214 335 214 335 276 173	724	634	7	438 832	L1L	738	435	556
391 335	502 585 634	242	438 -	581	466	646	229	503
276 173	335 185 417	382	832 5	581	188	193	529	345
	173 193 368	132	717	466 188	t	220	382	251
Richmond 455 196	196 101 241	312	9 28	646 193	220	-	461	205
San Angelo 139 296 4	296 413 399	322	435 2	229 529	382	461	-	275
San Antonio 311 92	92 196 129		556 5	503 345	251	205	275	-

\*Source=Mapquest

Once the travel time between all facilities was calculated, we identified the two facilities that were closest. In evaluating the relative impact of geography on closure, we used the average of these two travel times as an estimate of increased travel time should there be a closure or consolidation.

Chart 2-5

				Corpus								San
Travel Distances in Minutes	Abilene	Austin	Brenham	Christi	Denton	El Paso	Lubbock	Lufkin	Mexia	Richmond San Angelo	San Angelo	Antonio
Minimum	139	92	101	129	132	435	213	581	132	101	139	92
Minimum 2	192	122	122	209	192	438	229	188	173	193	229	129
Average	166	107	112	691	162	437	221	187	153	147	184	111

were placed in quadrant 4. This indicates that it has the highest barrier for closure based on geographical distances. The following chart provides methodology to group facilities in more meaningful categories. Because El Paso State is disproportionately farther than other state schools, they different than travel distance in which Brenham was closest in proximity. This reflects the difference in road access for the two schools. Again, The results of this analysis show that Austin State School is closest in proximity to two other state schools with regard to travel time. This is El Paso State School is furthest from other state schools. To determine the relative significance of these criteria, we have used a quadrant the quadrant groupings for the facilities:

Chart 2-6
Average Travel Time in Minutes to Two Closest Facilities

	Average Time	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Travel Distances in Minutes	(Minutes)	107.00-189.38	189.38-271.75	271.75-354.13	354.13-436.50
Abilene	166	Abilene	1	-	-
Austin	107	Austin	-	-	-
Brenham	112	Brenham	-	•	-
Corpus Christi	169	Corpus Christi	-	-	-
Denton	162	Denton	1	-	-
El Paso	437	-	-	-	El Paso
Lubbock	221		Lubbock	_	-
Lufkin	187	Lufkin		-	_
Mexia	153	Mexia	-	-	-
Richmond	147	Richmond	-	-	-
San Angelo	184	San Angelo	-	-	-
San Antonio	111	San Antonio	-	_	_

The quadrant ranking shows that El Paso is a significant outlier with regard to distance and under the quadrant system; the majority of the state schools fall in the same quadrant and are given the same ranking for barrier to closure.

### 2.2 Administrative Cost of the Facility

The current state budget situation in Texas necessitates that cost be one of the most critical elements of this study. The State must understand how much it costs to provide services in state schools, not only to compare state schools to one another, but to determine if savings could be achieved through community residential placements. It is also important for the State to understand the components of facility costs. Administrative costs are one of the principal areas in which state schools might achieve savings through consolidation so it is useful to analyze those expenses.

In order to measure the impact of cost on the feasibility of closure and consolidation, Medicaid FY02 and FY03 cost reports for the state schools were gathered and a weighted average, based on total reported patient days was calculated. Costs per day were computed by dividing the identified administrative costs and the total costs by the average FY02 and FY03 total patient days. The rationale for calculating both administrative and total costs is that state schools have some flexibility in defining their administrative costs, resulting in varying definitions of administrative costs across facilities. This makes it difficult to compare facilities based on administrative costs. Total costs are a more accurate baseline for comparing state schools.

The methodology for evaluating administrative and total cost of schools was based on costs per day. Facilities with more residents will have higher total costs than small facilities. Comparisons, therefore, are made on a per day basis. Lower costs per day were identified as higher barriers to closure while higher costs per day were classified as lower barriers to closure.

We recognize that not all costs on the Medicaid cost report and included in this analysis are generated by the state schools. Some costs, such as the costs of the commissioner's office, are allocated to the facilities from the state and DADS central office. Other costs, such as pension costs, may be generated by the state school but would not be eliminated under a closure or consolidation. However, the Medicaid cost report is a nationally recognized, audited report that all the facilities are required to complete and it treats the schools the same with regard to statewide costs.

In addition to statewide costs and cost that would not be eliminated by a closure, there are additional costs (i.e., severance pay, cost of moving consumers) that would be incurred with closure and consolidation. This baseline does not incorporate these or the potential savings that might arise from a closure.

Advocates and consumers noted in public meetings and in the project website that baseline analysis does not compare state school costs to community residential costs. While such comparisons should be made if the State plans to close state school beds and transition consumers to the community, this study was limited to investigating facility costs.

The following charts provide the detailed analysis that was used to evaluate the impact of cost on the feasibility of closure and consolidation.

The chart below divides total costs for each of the facilities by total days to calculate a total cost per day. Detailed charts of how total costs we computed from the cost reports can be found in Section 3 – State School Details.

Chart 2-7

	Chart 2			
Average Total Costs per				
Day	Total Avg Cost	Total Avg Days		Avg Cost Day
Abilene	\$ 52,386,637	193,835	\$	270.26
Austin	\$ 45,099,315	158,185	₩	285.10
Brenham	\$ 40,306,983	148,555	\$	271.33
Corpus Christi	\$ 35,731,456	133,280	\$	268.09
Denton	\$ 60,442,987	238,167	\$	253.78
El Paso	\$ 14,113,181	52,228	₩	270.22
Lubbock	\$ 33,704,524	128,992	\$	261.29
Lufkin	\$ 39,415,558	155,674	\$	253.19
Mexia	\$ 57,514,887	191,544	\$	300.27
Richmond	\$ 54,748,020	194,421	\$	281.60
San Angelo	\$ 31,263,822	104,488	\$	299.21
San Antonio	\$ 26,637,012	106,659	\$	249.74

The range in cost per day among state schools is about \$50.00. Over the course of a year, this is a difference in about \$18,000 per resident. Mexia and San Angelo, which have the highest costs per day, were judged to have the fewest barriers to closure; however, it should be remembered that these two facilities serve clients from the criminal justice system which may require increased costs.

Chart 2-8

			Chan 2-			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Average Total Costs			\$300.27-	\$287.64-	\$275.01-	\$262.37-
per Day	1	Cost/Day	\$287.64	\$275.01	\$262.37	\$249.74
Abilene	\$	270.26	<del>-</del>		Abilene	1
Austin	\$	285.10	-	Austin	-	-
Brenham	\$	271.33	-	-	Brenham	-
Corpus Christi	\$	268.09	-	-	Corpus Christi	ī
Denton	\$	253.78	J	-	-	Denton
El Paso	\$	270.22	-	-	El Paso	-
Lubbock	\$	261.29	-	-	-	Lubbock
Lufkin	\$	253.19	-	-	-	Lufkin
Mexia	\$	300.27	Mexia	-	-	-
Richmond	\$	281.60	-	Richmond	-	-
San Angelo	\$	299.21	San Angelo		-	
San Antonio	\$	249.74	-	-	-	San Antonio

Administrative costs were isolated from total costs and divided by the number of resident days to calculate the administrative costs per day for each state school.

Chart 2-9

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Average Administration	Total	Admin Avg		Adı	nin Avg Cost
Costs/Days		Cost	Total Avg Days		Day
Abilene	\$	3,527,187	193,835	<del>\$3</del>	18.20
Austin	\$	2,837,180	158,185	\$\$	1 <b>7.9</b> 4
Brenham	\$	2,465,649	148,555	\$	16.60
Corpus Christi	\$	2,418,767	133,280	\$	18.15
Denton	\$	3,742,800	238,167	\$	15.72
El Paso	\$	1,291,261	52,228	\$	24.72
Lubbock	\$	2,503,259	128,992	\$	19,41
Lufkin	\$	2,524,763	155,674	\$	16.22
Mexia	\$	4,425,396	191,544	\$	23.10
Richmond	\$	3,394,862	194,421	\$	17.46
San Angelo	\$	2,705,212	104,488	\$	25.89
San Antonio	\$	1,729,662	106,659	\$	16.22

Administrative costs, on average, comprise less than 10% of total costs and the range in administrative costs per day is across facilities is only about \$10.00. It is difficult to compare schools on this criterion because there is no standard for assigning costs to the administrative line item. It is likely that most schools define administrative costs similarly, but it is not certain that the same expenses are included in this line item. Consequently, the results of this criterion should be reviewed with this in mind.

Chart 2-10

Average Administration Costs/Day	Cost/Day	Q1 \$25.89-\$23.35	Q2  \$23.35-\$20.80	Q3 \$20.80-\$18.26	Q4 \$18.26-\$15.72
Abilene	\$ 18.20	-	-	_	Abilene
Austin	\$ 17.94	ı	_	•	Austin
Brenham	\$ 16.60	1	-	-	Brenham
Corpus Christi	\$ 18.15	-	· ·	•	Corpus Christi
Denton	\$ 15.72	-	_	1	Denton
El Paso	\$ 24.72	El Paso		•	-
Lubbock	\$ 19.41		_	Lubbock	•
Lufkin	\$ 16.22	-	-	_	Lufkin
Mexia	\$ 23.10	-	Mexia	-	_
Richmond	\$ 17.46		-	-	Richmond
San Angelo	\$ 25.89	San Angelo	-	-	-
San Antonio	\$ 16.22	-		•	San Antonio

# 2.3 Availability of Other Employment Opportunities in the Area for Employees Displaced by the Closure

The closure or consolidation of state facilities is a sensitive issue for many stakeholders. State employees, in particular, are quite vulnerable in these changes. In rural areas of the state, these schools are significant regional employers and as such, the local areas depend upon not only the services that are provided to patients but also the employment opportunities and economies that these facilities provide. Therefore, it is important to review the existing employment market to project the impact closure might have on employees.

In order to measure the impact of employment opportunities on the feasibility of closure and consolidation, the report includes three employment indicators. First, we determined the number of budgeted full-time employees per 10,000 persons in the school's county and contiguous counties. Next, we calculated a weighted average of unemployment rates in the school's county and contiguous counties. Finally, we determined the size of the state school as an employer in the local area with information from local Chambers of Commerce. The rationale for using these criteria is that they quantify the significance of the state schools as employers in their local economies. We also attempted to ascertain the availability of other opportunities in the local area by looking at unemployment rates.

The rationale for using the county in which the schools are located and the contiguous counties when calculating the employment indicators is that employees are likely to reside in one of these counties. Facilities with low employee to population ratios and other large employers were identified as having lower barriers to closure while schools with high employee to population ratios and/or who are large area employers were classified as having higher barriers to closure. Similarly, schools in areas with low unemployment had lower barriers to closure while schools in regions of high unemployment had higher barriers to closure.

These indicators do have several limitations. For example, they do not comprehensively calculate the economic impact of a closure. In addition to providing jobs, the state schools provide a benefit to the local economy. Employees and families spend their money in the community and schools often hire local businesses for contract services. The indicators also do not account for cost of living. Several of the state schools are situated in areas of low cost of living. They believe that this would be advantageous for attracting employees in the event of a consolidation. Finally, the report does not account for employee loyalty. Advocates and consumers suggested including turnover rates and length of employment as a means of identifying the long relationships employees have with state schools and their residents. The instructions from the Legislature, however, were limited to reviewing employment with regard to employment opportunities.

The following charts provide the detailed analysis that was used to evaluate the impact of employment on the feasibility of closure and consolidation:

**Chart 2-11** 

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Employees per Surrounding County Population * 10,000	Full-time State	Population of Surrounding Counties	Employees/ 10K Population
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Abilene	1,307	204,423	63.94
Austin	1,065	1,307,985	8.14
Brenham	1,011	316,524	31.94
Corpus Christi	909	451,658	20.13
Denton	1,508	4,905,196	3.07
El Paso	331	682,966	4.84
Lubbock	896	355,681	25.18
Lufkin	1,003	329,510	30.43
Mexia	1,500	380,791	39.39
Richmond	1,383	4,132,195	3.35
San Angelo	742	131,794	56.29
San Antonio	608	1,711,703	3.55

The chart above identifies the number of full-time budgeted employees per state school and divides it by the population of the county in which the school is located and surrounding counties. (Detailed descriptions of the populations and counties can be found in Section 3 – State School Details) The result was multiplied by 10,000 to come to the number of employees per 10,000 people in the local population.

Chart 2-12

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Employees per					
Surrounding County	Employees/	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Population	10K Population	3.07-18.29	18.29-33.51	33.51-48.72	48.72-63.94
Abilene	63.94	7	-	_	Abilene
Austin	8.14	Austin	-	_	-
Brenham	31.94	-	Brenham	-	-
Corpus Christi	20.13	_	Corpus Christi	_	_
Denton	3.07	Denton	-	_	-
El Paso	4.84	El Paso	-	-	-
Lubbock	25.18	_	Lubbock	-	-
Lufkin	30.43	-	Lufkin	-	-
Mexia	39.39	_	- 1	Mexia	-
Richmond	3.35	Richmond	_	-	-
San Angelo	56.29	-	-	-	San Angelo
San Antonio	3.55	San Antonio	-	7	-

The results of this statistic are that facilities located in areas with sparser populations have employees that comprise a much larger portion of the population than urban areas and therefore have greater barriers to closure.

Weighted averages of unemployment rates in the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties contributed to the next statistic. (Detailed descriptions of the individual unemployment rates per county can be found in Section 3 – State School Details.)

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	Average	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Unemployment Rate	Rates	3.30-4.47	4.47-5.65	5.65-6.82	6.82-7.99
Abilene	3.85	Abilene	_	-	-
Austin	4.67		Austin	_	_
Brenham	3.44	Brenham	-	-	-
Corpus Christi	6.30	-	-	Corpus Christi	
Denton	6.00	1	_	Denton	-
El Paso	7.99	•	_	-	El Paso
Lubbock	4.21	Lubbock	-	-	_
Lufkin	6.27	-	-	Lufkin	-
Mexia	4.81	-	Mexia	-	_
Richmond	6.45	-	-	Richmond	-
San Angelo	3.30	San Angelo	_	-	-
San Antonio	5.02	-	San Antonio	-	-

<sup>\*</sup>Source=Texas Workforce Commission Ave of Jan-May 2004 -

Weighted by Populations of Surrounding Counties

The range in unemployment rates is about 4.7%. As with distance, El Paso is an outlier and poses the greatest barriers to closure.

With help from local Chambers' of Commerce, PCG also compared the number of state school employees to other employers in the area. The majority of state schools are among the top employers in their local areas. Only areas that are relatively urban have many other large employers, causing lower barriers to closure.

**Chart 2-14** 

Size of Employer	Number of	Rank in	Largest	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
within Area	Employees	Community	Employer	51-68	35-51	18-35	1-18
Abilene	1,274	4	5,442	-	-		Abilene
Austin	1,048	68	20,277	Austin	-	-	-
Brenham	996	1	996	-	-	-	Brenham
Corpus Christi	918	17	3000+	<u> </u>	-	-	Corpus Christi
Denton	1,514	4	6,995	-	-	-	Denton
El Paso	328	60	8,663	El Paso	_	-	-
Lubbock	872	10	5,270	-	-	-	Lubbock
Lufkin	991	3	1,200	-	-	-	Lufkin
Mexia	1,473	1	1,473	-	-	•	Mexia
Richmond	1,327	8	7500+	-	-	-	Richmond
San Angelo	756	10	4,974	-	-		San Angelo
San Antonio	607	39	35,762	_	San Antonio	-	

### 2.4 Condition of Existing Facility Structures

According to the data provided to PCG by HHSC, TDMHMR owns more than 1,300 buildings on state hospital and state school campuses. While certain state schools are relatively new, some of the institutions opened in the early 1900's. Many of these buildings have aged beyond their useful life and, as a result, maintenance costs have increased dramatically. An evaluation of facility structures is important to identify those state schools with excessive maintenance needs as well as to disclose facilities that are either in excellent physical condition or may be appropriate to admit additional residents in the event of a consolidation.

In order to measure the impact of facility condition on the feasibility of closure and consolidation, the report includes four facility condition indicators from the State's Computer Aided Facilities Management (CAFM) system. This software system is used by all state schools to manage facility maintenance needs. The first item CAFM items selected for the baseline analysis was Facility Condition Index. This is a ratio of total deferred costs per facility (where total deferred costs are total maintenance costs that are deferred to a future budget cycle) to current replacement value per facility (where current replacement value is the current cost to replace those items). Facility condition index ratios closest to zero represent those facilities in the best condition. These were associated with higher barriers to closure. We also computed the value of planned construction between 2001 and 2004. This information identifies those facilities planning significant outlays for construction in the near future. Schools with higher planned construction were considered to have low barriers to closure because of the offset in costs that might come about as a result of a closure. The final two measurements collected from the CAFM data were forecasted renewal costs and critical deferred maintenance. Renewal costs are the costs of replacing equipment based on their life cycles. The CAFM system ranks deferred maintenance in three categories, according to importance. Life-safety issues, which are likely to be financed by the State, are awarded the highest level of importance; this is the category known as critical deferred maintenance that is included in the analysis. The other deferred maintenance costs were not incorporated in the calculation because they may not represent deferred maintenance costs the State would be likely to fund in the near future.

The methodology for evaluating forecasted renewal costs and critical deferred maintenance costs was based on costs per funded bed. Larger schools will have higher total costs than smaller facilities; comparisons, therefore, are made on a per funded bed basis. Lower costs per bed were identified as higher barriers to closure while higher costs per bed were classified as lower barriers to closure.

In addition to the baseline indicators, PCG's subcontractor, BLGY Inc., an architectural firm, made site visits to select facilities to review the capital assessment of facility structures. BLGY has significant expertise in providing facility survey and condition assessment services to both State and Federal government clients. For example, it provides facility surveys and condition assessment surveys to the Indian Health Services and more than 60 Texas independent school districts. During the site visits, BLGY met with facility representatives familiar with building and campus condition to verify the campus condition and maintenance requirements documented in the CAFM system. The goal of the tours was to develop an overview of the physical and functional conditions on campus for use in determining short and long-term facility needs and capabilities – and the relative needs and capabilities of the state schools.

The following charts provide the detailed analysis that was used to evaluate the impact of facility condition on the feasibility of closure and consolidation.

As indicated above, facility condition index is a ratio of total deferred maintenance costs per facility to replacement value per facility. Facility condition index ratios closest to zero represent those facilities in the best condition. According to the quadrant ranking below, El Paso, the newest state school facility, has the lowest facility condition index. This indicates that its facility is in the best condition, giving it the highest barriers to closure.

**Chart 2-15** 

Facility Condition	·	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Index	FCI	.1915	.1511	.1107	.0703
Abilene	0.14	-	Abilene	-	-
Austin	0.19	Austin	-		-
Brenham	0.07	_	-	-	Brenham
Corpus Christi	0.13	-	Corpus Christi	-	-
Denton	0.19	Denton	-	-	
El Paso	0.03	-	-	-	El Paso
Lubbock	0.15	-	Lubbock		-
Lufkin	0.17	Lufkin	-	-	<del>.</del>
Mexia	0.17	Mexia	- [	-	-
Richmond	0.17	Richmond	-	1	_
San Angelo	0.19	San Angelo	-	-	-
San Antonio	0.12	-	San Antonio	-	-

Planned construction values were also collected to estimate costs of construction in state schools now and in the near future. As the planned construction costs were for 2001-2004, many of these projects have either gone into or are near construction phase.

**Chart 2-16** 

Value of Planned		Construction					
Construction 2001-	AE Contract	Contract	Construction	Design	On-Hold	Schematic	•
2004	Award	Award	Documents	Development	Programming	Design	Total
Abilene			2,517,351				2,517,351
Austin		224,890	1,411,829	1,670,217			3,306,936
Brenham	1,017,608		204,085				1,221,693
Corpus Christi	33,261		1,171,424	268,627	120,732		1,594,045
Denton			1,984,854				1,984,854
El Paso	64,990		318,200				383,190
Lubbock	1		598,617				598.617
Lufkin	1,236,891		215,675	390,830			1,843,396
Mexia	1,344,128		812,519				2,156,647
Richmond			797,107	1.268,710		1,659,725	3,725,542
San Angelo			394,460				394,460
San Antonio			438,469				438,469
TOTAL	3,696,878	224,890	10,864,591	3,598,384	120,732	1,659,725	20,165,200

<sup>\*</sup>Source-CAFM MHMR Construction 2001-2004

The range in planned construction is about \$3.3M, with Richmond having the greatest value of planned construction costs and El Paso having the smallest value of planned construction costs. El Paso has the newest facility, so it is unsurprising that it has few planned construction costs. Richmond, while not one of the older state schools, did commence construction on a number of home-style residences for clients recently.

**Chart 2-17** 

		Chart 2-	L /		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Value of Planned		3,725,542-	2,889,954-	2,054,366-	1,218,778-
Construction	Totals	2,889,954	2,054,366	1,218,778	383,190
Abilene	2,517,351	-	Abilene	-	
Austin	3,306,936	Austin	-	_	
Brenham	1,221,693	-	-	Brenham	-
Corpus Christi	1,594,045		_	Corpus Christi	-
Denton	1,984,854	-	-	Denton	-
El Paso	383,190	-	-	-	El Paso
Lubbock	598,617		_	-	Lubbock
Lufkin	1,843,396	-	-	Lufkin	-
Mexia	2,156,647	-	Mexia	-	-
Richmond	3,725,542	Richmond	-	-	-
San Angelo	394,460	<u>-</u>		-	San Angelo
San Antonio	438,469	-	-	-	San Antonio

PCG divided the total value for renewal costs by the number of staffed beds per facility to determine renewal costs per staffed bed. Renewal costs per staffed bed normalizes the difference between larger and smaller state schools. For example, Mexia has the greatest total renewal costs, but has lower renewal costs per staffed bed than Brenham which has about \$3M less in total renewal costs.

**Chart 2-18** 

	Chart 2-	10		
Forecasted Renewal				
Costs for the next 5	Renewal	FY03 Staffed	Ren	ewal Costs/
years/Staffed Bed	Costs	Beds	Sta	affed Beds
Abilene	\$ 14,387,095	528	\$	27,248
Austin	\$ 8,041,559	436	\$	18,444
Brenham	\$ 9,931,350	398	\$	24,953
Corpus Christi	\$ 11,426,098	383	\$	29,833
Denton	\$ 12,586,339	664	\$	18,955
El Paso	\$ 2,962,690	150	\$	19,751
Lubbock	\$ 8,267,542	348	\$	23,757
Lufkin	\$ 12,994,019	433	\$	30,009
Mexia	\$ 13,314,536	541	\$	24,611
Richmond	\$ 5,761,478	540	\$	10,669
San Angelo	\$ 10,178,881	294	\$	34,622
San Antonio	\$ 3,329,715	297	\$	11,211

<sup>\*</sup>Source-CAFM System Report, Facility Summary with Site Systems

The quadrant ranking identifies Richmond and San Antonio State School as having the greatest barriers to closure while San Angelo State School has the lowest barrier to closure with regard to forecasted renewal costs.

**Chart 2-19** 

			Q1	<b>Q2</b>	Q3	Q4
Renewal Costs/Staffed	Renew	al Costs/	\$34,622-	\$28,634-	\$22,646-	\$16,658-
Bed	Staff	fed Bed	\$28,634	\$22,646	\$16,658	\$10,669
Abilene	\$	27,248	-	Abilene	-	-
Austin	\$	18,444	-	-	Austin	-
Brenham	\$	24,953	ı	Brenham	-	-
Corpus Christi	\$	29,833	Corpus Christi			-
Denton	\$	18,955	-	=	Denton	-
El Paso	\$	19,751			El Paso	-
Lubbock	\$	23,757	-	Lubbock		_
Lufkin	\$	30,009	Lufkin	=	_	-
Mexia	\$	24,611	-	Mexia	_	-
Richmond	\$	10,669	_	-		Richmond
San Angelo	\$	34,622	San Angelo		_	_
San Antonio	\$	11,211	-	-	_	San Antonio

Critical deferred maintenance costs were also divided by staffed beds to identify deferred maintenance costs per staffed bed.

**Chart 2-20** 

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Critical Deferred				J	Deferred
Maintenance/Staffed	:	Deferred	FY03 Staffed		Maint/
Bed	M	aintenance	Beds	St	affed Beds
Abilene	\$	4,117,823	528	\$	7,799
Austin	\$	5,078,678	436	\$	11,648
Brenham	\$	1,500,061	398	\$	3,769
Corpus Christi	\$	1,777,475	383	\$	4,641
Denton	\$	9,162,126	664	\$	13,798
El Paso	\$	121,768	150	\$	812
Lubbock	\$	1,765,222	348	\$	5,072
Lufkin	\$	1,145,488	433	<del>()</del>	2,645
Mexia	\$	10,475,255	541	\$	19,363
Richmond	\$	4,071,540	540	\$	7,540
San Angelo	\$	12,251,833	294	\$	41,673
San Antonio	\$	1,266,019	297	\$	4,263

<sup>\*</sup>Source-CAFM System Report, Facility Summary with Site Systems

While San Angelo had the greatest renewal costs per staffed bed, its costs were not considerably higher than several other state schools. However, San Angelo is a significant outlier with regard to critical deferred maintenance costs per staffed bed. Because San Angelo State School would require sizeable maintenance investment, it has the lowest barriers to closure with regard to critical deferred maintenance.

### **Chart 2-21**

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Critical Deferred	I	Deferred	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Maintenance/Staffed		Maint/	\$41,673-	\$31,458-	\$21,242-	\$11,027-
Beds	Sta	affed Beds	\$31,458	\$21,242	\$11,027	\$812
Abilene	\$	7,799		-	-	Abilene
Austin	\$	11,648		-	Austin	-
Brenham	\$	3,769	=	-	-	Brenham
Corpus Christi	\$	4,641	-	-	-	Corpus Christi
Denton	\$	13,798	-	ı	Denton	ı
El Paso	\$	812	-	-	-	El Paso
Lubbock	\$	5,072	-	1	_	Lubbock
Lufkin	\$	2,645	-	-	-	Lufkin
Mexia	\$	19,363		•	Mexia	_
Richmond	\$	7,540	-	-	-	Richmond
San Angelo	\$	41,673	San Angelo	-	-	-
San Antonio	\$	4,263	-	-	-	San Antonio

# 2.5 Marketability of the Property where the Facility is Located When Considering Possible Sale of the Property or Alternate Use Possibilities

Both cost and facility condition are critical elements in evaluating the feasibility of closure or consolidation of Texas state schools. Marketability of state school property blends both of these elements. Sale or redevelopment of a facility may be financially advantageous for the State. Additionally, it might be more fiscally sound to sell property that requires significant infrastructure investment to appropriately serve residents. As a result, the baseline analysis attempts to quantify the marketability of state school properties.

In order to measure the impact of marketability on the feasibility of closure and consolidation, market value of facility land is included in the report. The General Land Office provided estimates of state school properties that were collected for the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature. The rationale for using simply the estimated value of the land, rather than the land and buildings, is that the Land Office indicated that land only is a better proxy, in its experience, as a selling price. Typically, the buildings cannot be used or buyers do not have a use for them. As such, market value of the land more closely represents the selling price. In addition, any deed restrictions on the property were included in the report, as this could impact marketability. Those schools with higher market values were considered to have lower barriers to closure and those with lower market values were considered to have higher barriers to closure.

Facility values of bonded indebtedness were also included as an indicator of marketability. Many of the state schools issue bonds in order to complete expensive capital projects. A number of these bonds include a clause stipulating that the bonds could be recalled in full in the event of a sale of the facility. This means that the State could be responsible for repaying the entire amount of the bond at once, rather than using the current multi-year monthly payment plan. Those schools with lower bonded indebtedness were considered to have lower barriers to closure while schools with higher bonded indebtedness had higher barriers to closure.

The following charts provide the detailed analysis that was used to evaluate the impact of marketability on the feasibility of closure and consolidation:

**Chart 2-22** 

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			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Market Value (Land			\$15,150,000-	\$3,014,000-	\$2,015,167-	\$1,016,333-
Only)	M	arket Value	\$3,014,001	\$2,015,167	\$1,016,333	\$17,500
Abilene	\$	894,655	•	=	_	Abilene
Austin	\$	15,150,000	Austin	-	-	-
Brenham	\$	872,398	-	-	-	Brenham
Corpus Christi	\$	1,152,000	-	-	Corpus Christi	-
Denton	\$	3,014,000	-	Denton	-	-
El Paso	\$	17,500	-		-	El Paso
Lubbock	\$	520,000	1	-	-	Lubbock
Lufkin	\$	214,950	1	-	_	Lufkin
Mexia	\$	420,805	-	-	-	Mexia
Richmond	\$	1,160,832	-	-	Richmond	-
San Angelo	\$	515,335	-	-	_	San Angelo
San Antonio	\$	240,884	-	_	-	San Antonio

The market value of Austin's land is so much greater than more than the other facilities that the normal quadrant calculation was abandoned for this statistic. We assigned Austin to the lowest barrier to closure quadrant. We divided the range of the other market values by three to compute ranges for quadrant 2-4. Two state schools, El Paso and Lubbock, have deed restrictions that limit buyers and use of the property.

**Chart 2-23** 

Bonded Amount to be					Q4
Repaid After Sale of	Bonded	Q1	Q2	Q3	\$13.2M-
Facility	Amount	\$2.6M-\$6.2M	\$6.2M-\$9.7M	\$9.7M-\$13.2M	\$16.8M
Abilene	\$ 16,767,840	ı	-	-	Abilene
Austin	\$ 5,974,719	Austin	_	-	-
Brenham	\$ 8,685,547	1	Brenham	_	_
Corpus Christi	\$ 5,737,966	Corpus Christi	-	-	<u>.</u>
Denton	\$ 14,815,679	•	_	-	Denton
El Paso	\$ 2,612,841	El Paso	-	_	-
Lubbock	\$ 5,795,987	Lubbock	-	-	_
Lufkin	\$ 4,235,577	Lufkin	-	-	-
Mexia	\$ 14,744,028	-	-	_	Mexia
Richmond	\$ 10,507,033	-	-	Richmond	
San Angelo	\$ 8,035,608	-	San Angelo	-	-
San Antonio	\$ 10,525,676	-	_	San Antonio	-

Despite low land values, all state schools have high bonded amounts that may be called in full in the event of a sale. El Paso has the lowest bonded amounts to repay, while Abilene would have the highest bonded amounts to repay, giving it the greatest barriers to closure for this statistic.

#### 2.6 Ease of Client Transfer Capability

The most important stakeholders in any health and human service project are the people receiving services. Residents who might be displaced by the closure of a state school must be ensured of continuing treatment that is equal to or better than services at their current location. If the State cannot make this commitment, or a comparable quality commitment, opponents of closure and consolidation will have an issue that will resonate with many elected officials, advocates and other interested stakeholders. As such, this report includes several indicators that measure the impact a transfer might have on state school residents.

The report included several indicators as a means of measuring the impact of client transfer capability on the feasibility of closure and consolidation. First, we gathered statistics on the current enrollment in certified beds per state school. Schools with higher enrollment were considered to have higher barriers to closure because the more clients to transfer, the more difficult the closure. After reviewing the enrollment, we calculated the average daily census between FY01 and FY03 per 100,000 people in the service delivery area. This indicator identified schools that treated large numbers of residents, relative to the population they serve, which increases barriers to closure. Another indicator related to transfer capability is the average number of wait days between referrals for community placement and actual placements. Those schools with a lower average wait times for placements had lower barriers to closure because clients had a history of being transferred to the community in a timely manner.

The baseline analysis also identified specific populations that might be impacted differently by a transfer to another facility. First, it identifies residents over the age of 55. While 65+ is the standard age bracket for senior citizens, the baseline uses age 55 as a cut-off. Until recently, most individuals with developmental disabilities had much shorter life expectancy than average. While their life expectancy has increased, it is still lower than average and individuals with developmental disabilities often show complications associated with aging earlier than the average person. Therefore, schools with greater numbers of elderly residents were considered to have higher barriers to closure. Consumers with pervasive or pervasive plus levels of need were also pinpointed in the report. These are residents with the most severe developmental disabilities and who may respond most negatively to a transfer. The report considers those schools with both the highest number and highest proportions of pervasive or pervasive plus residents to have the highest barriers to closure. PCG also collected information on lengths of stay of the current state school residents and found that about half have been there more than 20 years. Our rationale for including this indicator is that a move may be more difficult to a resident who has been in the same facility for a long time. State schools with larger proportions of consumers having lived in the facility for over 20 years were considered to have greater barriers to closure. Finally, the report identifies the number of residents in each facility with severe health statuses. These are consumers who are medically fragile in addition to having developmental disabilities. It is more difficult to transport these clients so facilities with higher numbers of residents with severe health status were considered to have greater barriers to closure.

The following charts provide the detailed analysis that was used to evaluate the impact of ease of client transfer on the feasibility of closure and consolidation.

The enrollment in certified beds provides an estimate of how many residents would have to be transferred in event of a consolidation. Denton, which is the largest state school, has the greatest barriers to closure

under this measurement because it would require the most transfers should it be closed. El Paso is the smallest state school has the lowest barriers to closure for this reason.

**Chart 2-24** 

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Current Enrollment in		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Certified Beds	FY04	143-271	271-400	400-528	528-656
Abilene	517	-	-	Abilene	-
Austin	436	-		Austin	-
Brenham	392	-	Brenham	•	-
Corpus Christi	364	-	Corpus Christi	. <b>-</b>	-
Denton	656	-	-	1	Denton
El Paso	143	El Paso	-	-	_
Lubbock	343	-	Lubbock	<b></b> _	-
Lufkin	422	-	_	Lufkin	-
Mexia	484		-	Mexia	-
Richmond	522	_	_	Richmond	-
San Angelo	298	-	San Angelo	-	-
San Antonio	302	_	San Antonio	_	_

The Average Daily Census (ADC) information below is the state school average daily census divided by the US Census 2000 population of the service delivery area and then multiplied by 100,000. Since we did not use different census information for each year and the ADC still decreased over time for most state schools, this indicates that the census at most schools is declining over time.

Chart 2-25

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ADC per 100,000				
Population	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	Average
Abilene	120.9	114.5	110.9	115.5
Austin	24.2	24.2	24.3	24.2
Brenham	65.5	60.3	56.2	60.7
Corpus Christi	38.9	37.1	36.6	37.5
Denton	17.9	17. <u>7</u>	17.5	17.7
El Paso	21.3	21.3	20.4	21.0
Lubbock	37.2	34.4	32.9	34.8
Lufkin	36.2	34.9	34.1	35.1
Mexia	22.5	21.8	21.0	21.8
Richmond	11.7	11.2	10.8	11.2
San Angelo	48.5	46.5	46.8	47.2
San Antonio	18.5	18.4	18.5	18.4

<sup>\*</sup>Source=3\_1-AvgDailyCensusFY01-04, Crosswalk for MRA and Counties.xls & US Census 2000

This statistics is a measurement of how many clients are treated relative to the service delivery area. Those with higher numbers treat a great proportion of the service delivery area or, more likely, have clients from other service delivery areas. These facilities, such as Abilene, present greater barriers to closure because the services appear to be in greater demand.

**Chart 2-26** 

ADC per 100,000		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Population	Average	11.2-37.3	37.3-63.3	63.3-89.4	89.6-115.7
Abilene	115.5	-	-	-	Abilene
Austin	24.2	Austin	_	-	-
Brenham	60.7	-	Brenham		-
Corpus Christi	37.5	-	Corpus Christi		-
Denton	17.7	Denton	-	-	-
El Paso	21.0	El Paso	-	-	-
Lubbock	34.8	Lubbock	-		-
Lufkin	35.1	Lufkin	-	-	<b>.</b>
Mexia	21.8	Mexia	-	-	-
Richmond	11.2	Richmond	-	-	-
San Angelo	47.2	1	San Angelo	-	-
San Antonio	18.4	San Antonio	-	-	-

If a facility were to be closed, it is likely that some residents would choose and be ready to live in the community. As such, PCG gathered data on how many days a typical resident waits from the time he or she is referred for a community placement and when a placement is available. The chart below identifies the average wait days between a referral and the actual placement weighted based on days. An asterisk indicates no placements.

**Chart 2-27** 

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Average Wait Days Between Referral for Community Placement & Actual Placement	FY03	Thru 2nd Quarter FY 04	Weighted Average
Abilene	77	*	77
Austin	147	*	147
Brenham	120	58	99
Corpus Christi	123	103	116
Denton	41	*	41
El Paso	46	*	46
Lubbock	121	175	139
Lufkin	155	48	119
Mexia	145	118	136
Richmond	128	133	130
San Angelo	94	88	92
San Antonio	44	65	51

<sup>\*</sup>Source-AvgWaitDaysforCP020304

Austin has the longest average wait days for community placements. This indicates a greater barrier to closure than those state schools with short wait time because it would take longer to find placements in the community.

Chart 2-28

Average Wait Days Between Referral for Community Placement & Actual Placement	Average	Q1 41-68	Q2 68-94	Q3 94-121	Q4 121-147
Abilene	77		Abilene		
Austin	147	-	ı	-	Austin
Brenham	99		ı	Brenham	-
Corpus Christi	116	-	ı	Corpus Christi	-
Denton	41	Denton	ı	_	-
El Paso	46	El Paso	-	-	-
Lubbock	139		•	-	Lubbock
Lufkin	119	-	-	Lufkin	-
Mexia	136		-	-	Mexia
Richmond	130	-	-	-	Richmond
San Angelo	92	-	San Angelo	-	_
San Antonio	51	San Antonio	•	-	-

The number of residents over the age of 55 is a relevant barrier to closure because elderly residents are generally more difficult to transfer to another state school. Denton, the largest state school, and Mexia have the greatest number of elderly residents and thus the greatest barriers to closure under this statistic.

**Chart 2-29** 

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	Residents	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Elderly Residents	55÷	14-50	50-87	87-123	123-159
Abilene	114	-	1)	Abilene	-
Austin	120	-	-	Austin	•
Brenham	67	-	Brenham	1	-
Corpus Christi	41	Corpus Christi	-	·	1
Denton	132	-	-	•	Denton
El Paso	14	El Paso	-	-	-
Lubbock	42	Lubbock	-	•	-
Lufkin	73	-	Lufkin	-	-
Mexia	159	-		-	Mexia
Richmond	96	-	-	Richmond	-
San Angelo	113	-	-	San Angelo	-
San Antonio	53	-	San Antonio	-	_

Clients with the most significant developmental disabilities are also difficult to transfer. Therefore, it was also important to look at this type of resident. El Paso has the fewest number of residents with pervasive or pervasive plus developmental disabilities and the fewest barriers to closure under this measurement.

**Chart 2-30** 

		Chartz			
Number of Clients with					
Pervasive or Pervasive		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Plus LON	High LON	10-54	54-99	99-143	143-187
Abilene	174	1	-	1	Abilene
Austin	111	ı	-	Austin	-
Brenham	42	Brenham	-	Ī	-
Corpus Christi	82	1	Corpus Christi	ı	-
Denton	179	1	-	<u>-</u>	Denton
El Paso	10	El Paso	-	•	1
Lubbock	87	•	Lubbock	-	-
Lufkin	77	ı	Lufkin	-	ı
Mexia	77		Mexia	-	_
Richmond	187	-	-	-	Richmond
San Angelo	25	San Angelo	-	-	-
San Antonio	80	-	San Antonio	-	-

PCG also calculated the number of clients who have resided in the state school more than 20 years. Three of the schools have populations of more than 300 who have lived in those facilities for more than 20 years. These state schools have the highest barriers to closure for this measurement, while El Paso and San Angelo, schools with less than 100 residents living there for more than 20 years, have the lowest barriers to closure.

**Chart 2-31** 

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Clients in Facility	Number of	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Greater than 20 Years	Residents	29 - 121	121 - 212	212 - 304	304 - 395	
Abilene	365	_	-	-	Abilene	
Austin	238	-	-	Austin		
Brenham	186	-	Brenham	-	_	
Corpus Christi	161	-	Corpus Christi	-	-	
Denton	395	_	-	-	Denton	
El Paso	29	El Paso	-	-	-	
Lubbock	159	_	Lubbock	-	-	
Lufkin	258	_	-	Lufkin	-	
Mexia	266	-	-	Mexia	-	
Richmond	368	-	-	_	Richmond	
San Angelo	83	San Angelo	-	-	_	
San Antonio	121	-	San Antonio	_	-	

# 2.7 Capacity at Remaining Facilities to Accommodate Persons Transferred from a Facility Identified for Closure

While the study focuses on barriers to closure, it is also critical to identify those schools that may accommodate persons if there is a closure. The first step in assessing the capacity of a facility to accommodate new clients or services will be an assessment of the availability of space and the physical conditions of the campus buildings. The physical capacity requirements must address not only the space available for additional patients but must also consider the implications that these additions will have on the various support services provided.

In order to measure the impact of capacity on the feasibility of closure and consolidation, the report identifies the number of total vacant certified beds and the total number of vacant certified beds that could be made available immediately if funding was available for staff. State schools have varying amounts of beds for which they are currently certified that are not in use. Many of these beds have not been in use for a long time and would require renovation before consumers could be transferred. Just under half of the vacant beds could be made available almost immediately, assuming the facility received funding for the increase in staffing requirements. Those schools with high numbers of vacant beds were determined to have higher barriers to closure while those schools with low number of vacant beds were determined to have lower barriers to closure.

These indicators do not measure the impact additional consumers might have on support services; however, many schools have consolidated their support services (i.e. dental or laundry) and have already accommodated larger numbers of residents for lower costs. While plans to accommodate additional residents cannot be part of the analysis until decisions in favor of consolidation occur, careful planning should also take place to ensure that the facilities and communities that are scheduled to receive newly transferred individuals are appropriately prepared. This analysis would require careful planning and as wells as discussion, consideration, and input from a host of users and constituents of the services.

The following charts provide the detailed analysis that was used to evaluate the impact of capacity on the feasibility of closure and consolidation.

State schools have between 12 and 128 beds that are both vacant and certified. Some of these beds may not be immediately available for residents, but, with renovation, could accept additional residents. Those state schools with less than 40 available beds were accorded the fewest barriers to closure because they would be less valuable if the State were looking to transfer residents. Schools with more than 100 vacant, certified beds were determined to have the greatest barriers to closure.

**Chart 2-32** 

Chart 2-52						
	Vacant Bed	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Vacant Certified Beds	Totals	12-41	41-70	70-99	99-128	
Abilene	115	-	-	-	Abilene	
Austin	24	Austin		_	1	
Brenham	128	-	-	ı	Brenham	
Corpus Christi	46	-	Corpus Christi	ı		
Denton	44	-	Denton	ı	•	
El Paso	12	El Paso	-	_	-	
Lubbock	83	-	-	Lubbock	-	
Lufkin	50	-	Lufkin	-	-	
Mexia	116	-	-	-	Mexia	
Richmond	120	_	-		Richmond	
San Angelo	71	-	-	San Angelo	_	
San Antonio	37	San Antonio			_ :	

A proportion of the total beds that are vacant and certified need no renovation and, with funding for staff, could be made immediately available. San Angelo has the greatest number of immediately available beds, while Denton has only six available vacant beds. Since more residents could be transferred to San Angelo in the event of a closure, it has the greatest barriers to closure with regard to available vacant beds.

**Chart 2-33** 

Vacant Available	Vacant Bed	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Certified Beds	Totals	6-22	22-39	39-55	55-71
Abilene	43	-	_	Abilene	-
Austin	24	-	Austin	-	=
Brenham	58	_		-	Brenham
Corpus Christi	46	-	-	Corpus Christi	-
Denton	6	Denton	-		
El Paso	12	El Paso	-	-	ı
Lubbock	35	-	Lubbock	-	-
Lufkin	34	-	Lufkin	_	•
Mexia	64	-	-	-	Mexia
Richmond	46	-	-	Richmond	1
San Angelo	71	-	-	-	San Angelo
San Antonio	37	_	San Antonio	-	-

## 2.8 Identification of Specialty Programs and Services.

Any evaluation of the role of state hospitals and schools must specifically address the facility's capacity to provide high quality care to sub-populations requiring specialized care. Specifically, PCG identified those state schools accepting residents from the criminal justice system. Since special accommodations are often required for these populations, higher barriers to closure were assigned to those schools treating consumers from the criminal justice system.

Some state schools have developed expertise in certain areas. For example, several state schools treat residents with both developmental disabilities and mental illness. Others are located in areas with large Hispanic populations and have developed language options and cultural sensitivities not available in all schools. These strengths were noted in the study but without a formal program designation under DADS could not be quantified in the baseline.

Another service provided by state schools that is not specifically mentioned in the baseline analysis are the partnerships state schools have with local training programs and businesses. Many of the schools have occupational training programs with local universities in which clinical specialties receive on-site rotational training. Furthermore, most schools have contracts with local businesses in which the consumers are hired to perform specific duties.

The final item not quantified in the baseline analysis with regard to specialty program is the effort of the volunteer organizations. Volunteers provide many important services and, in some cases, raise large amounts of money for the facilities. While it is difficult to assign a dollar value to the efforts of volunteer guilds, it was clear from the public meeting and site visits that they have a large impact.

Specialty programs is also the only criterion in which results were only assigned to either the highest or lowest quadrant. Because there is no middle ground between accepting clients from the criminal justice system and not accepting them, no school was judged to be in quadrants 2 or 3. The effect of this decision is that it gives significant weight to specialty services.

The following chart provides the data that was used to evaluate the impact of specialty programs on the feasibility of closure and consolidation. It identifies those state schools that admit residents from the criminal justice system.

**Chart 2-34** 

		Male Adol.	Female Adol.
	Adults Admitted	Admitted from	Admitted from
	from Criminal	Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice
Facility	Justice System	System	System
Abilene	No	No	No
Austin	No	No	No
Brenham	No	No	No
Corpus Christi	Yes	No	No
Denton	No	No	No
El Paso	No	No	No
Lubbock	No	No	No
Lufkin	No	No	No
Mexia	Yes	Yes	No
Richmond	No	No	No
San Angelo	Yes	No	Yes
San Antonio	No	No	No

Since special accommodations have to be made for these residents, state schools that admit clients from the criminal justice system were assigned to the quadrant with the greatest barriers to closure, while those that do not accept these individuals were assigned to the quadrant indicating the lowest barriers to closure. It should be noted that specialty programs, while unique to a specific facility, could be moved to another facility if the facility was properly prepared to receive the program.

**Chart 2-35** 

Admits from the		Chart 2-33	· •		
Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
System	Admissions?	No			Yes
Abilene	No	Abilene	-	-	-
Austin	No	Austin	-	-	-
Brenham	No	Brenham	•	_	-
Corpus Christi	Yes	-	-	-	Corpus Christi
Denton	No	Denton	-	-	-
El Paso	No	El Paso	-	-	-
Lubbock	No	Lubbock	-	<u>-</u>	-
Lufkin	No	Lufkin	-	-	-
Mexia	Yes	-	-	-	Mexia
Richmond	No	Richmond	-		-
San Angelo	Yes	_	-	_	San Angelo
San Antonio	No	San Antonio	-	_	-

#### Conclusion

In general, Abilene and Mexia State School possess the greatest barriers to closure while Austin State School exhibits the lowest barriers to closure. However, the feasibility of facility closure and consolidation varies based on the how much emphasis is placed on each of the criterion. Ease of client transfer capability and capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure are the two criteria that measure the impact of closure or consolidation on clients; therefore, the results of these criteria should be given careful consideration. Furthermore, statistical data cannot truly approximate the feasibility of closure or consolidation of any facility.

# State School Details

#### 3.1 Abilene State School

Location:

Superintendent: Bill Waddill

2501 Maple Street Abilene, TX 79601

Facility History: Opened in 1904 581 acres

Service Area: 17 counties

FY 04 Funded Beds: 520 beds

Enrollment as of 5/28/04 518 residents

### Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from Abilene State School to the two closest facilities is 123 miles and 166 minutes, which is less than the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, San Angelo and Lubbock, have 154 available vacant beds. Assuming that 15% of the residents at Abilene could be transferred to the community and 154 residents could move to either San Angelo or Lubbock, 286 residents would need to be transferred to other state schools. Assuming the residents would move to the next closest schools, average travel distances would increase by 199 miles.

#### Condition of existing facility structures

Opened in 1904, Abilene is the oldest state school. According to MHMR, it has 97 buildings, 94 of which are in use by either people or storage. While Abilene is an old school, it does not belong to the lowest quadrant (the one with the fewest barriers to closure) for either facility condition or forecasted renewal costs. In fact, it belongs to the highest quadrant with regard to deferred maintenance. This suggests that the facility is in relatively good condition.

# Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of Abilene State School's 581 acres is just under \$900,000. Twenty-six of those acres are leased to the City of Abilene and Abilene Industrial Foundation.

#### Administrative cost of the facility

Chart 3-1
Abilene State School
Cost Analysis

	FY 2003		FY 2002	Wei	ghted Average
Expenses	 Amount		Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$ 16,623,710	\$	16,517,617	\$	16,569,843
Other Routine Daily Services	610,381		623,915		617,253
Training	_		_		_
Social Services	176,309		175,467		175,881
Activity Services	302,810		272,924		287,636
Therapy Services	1,020,010		992,704		1,006,146
Other Resident Care Services	170,640		215,015		193,171
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping	 1,345,964	-	1,307,555		1,326,463
Subtotal Resident Care	\$ 20,249,824	\$	20,105,197	\$	20,176,392
Day Program Costs	773,202		779,329		776,313
Medical Expenses					
Classified Salaries	\$ 4,155,020	\$	3,814,844	\$	3,982,302
FICA Contributions	300,103		277,761		288,759
Employee Benefits	1,087,862		817,544		950,613
Other	 4,505,739		3,981,934		4,239,787
Subtotal Medical	\$ 10,048,723	\$	8,892,083	\$	9,461,461
Subtotal Routine Costs	\$ 31,071,749	\$	29,776,609	\$	30,414,167
Administration	3,423,881		3,627,347		3,527,187
Overhead Costs					
Miscellaneous Overhead	\$ 4,024,251	\$	2,030,391	\$	3,011,907
Dietary	2,278,414		2,275,198		2,276,781
Facility Costs	4,862,259		4,430,961		4,643,276
Payroll Taxes	1,784,085		1,824,099		1,804,401
Employee Benefits	6,156,984		6,103,943		6,130,053
Workers Compensation	 1,175,912				578,865
Subtotal Overhead Costs	\$ 20,281,905	\$	16,664,592	\$	18,445,284
Total Expenses	\$ 54,777,535	\$	50,068,548	\$	52,386,637
Total Patient Days as Reported	190,838		196,832		193,835
Administration Cost/Day	\$ 17.94	\$	18.43	\$	18.20
Overhead Cost/Day	\$ 106.28	\$	84.66	\$	95.16
Routine Cost/Day	\$ 162.82	\$	151.28	\$	156.91
Total Cost/Day	\$ 287.04	<b>\$</b>	254.37	\$	270.26

We learned in a site visit to another facility that Abilene is one of several facilities who are trying to cut costs through economies of scale. Rather than providing all services at every location, certain state schools are taking on functions for a group of schools. For example, San Angelo's accounting and laundry are being done by Abilene.

### Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

Chart 3-2

	Contiguous	US Census 2000
Facility	Counties	Population
Abilene State School	Callahan	12,905
Abilene State School	Coleman	9,235
Abilene State School	Fisher	4,344
Abilene State School	Jones	20,785
Abilene State School	Nolan	15,802
Abilene State School	Runnels	11,495
Abilene State School	Shackelford	3,302
Abilene State School	Taylor	126,555
	Total	204,423

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

Chart 3-3

		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
		Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
Abilene State School	Callahan	3.8
Abilene State School	Coleman	6.6
Abilene State School	Fisher	5.0
Abilene State School	Jones	2.9
Abilene State School	Nolan	5.0
Abilene State School	Runnels	3.6
Abilene State School	Shackelford	2.2
Abilene State School	Taylor	<u>3.7</u>
	Weighted Ave.	3.9

Based on information from the 2003 Abilene Industrial Economic Development Foundation, Abilene State School is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest employer in the community.

## Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at Abilene declined by 8% between FY 03 and FY 01.

 Avg. Daily Census
 FY01
 FY02
 FY03

 Abilene
 567
 536
 520

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of Abilene's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

Chart 3-5 US Census US Census US Census 2000 2000 2000 Facility County Population County Population County Population 41,100 Abilene State School Brown 37,674 Hood San Saba 6,186 12,905 Callahan 20,785 Shackelford Abilene State School Jones 3,302 9,235 McCulloch Abilene State School Coleman 8,205 Somervell 6,809 Abilene State School 14,026 Mills 5,151 9,674 Comanche Stephens Abilene State School Eastland 18,297 Palo Pinto 27,026 Taylor 126,555 Abilene State School 33,001 88,495 Erath Parker Subtotal 125,138 Subtotal 190,762 Subtotal 152,526 Grand Total 468,426

Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

Abilene State School has a large number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer. About 35% of those beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

### <u>Identification of specialty programs and services</u>

Abilene State School does not admit clients from the criminal justice system.

#### 3.2 Austin State School

Location:

Superintendent: Ray Wells

2203 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, TX 78703

Facility History:

Service Area: 28 counties

Opened in 1917 96 acres

FY 04 Funded Beds:

Enrollment as of 5/28/04

436 beds

441 residents

#### Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from Austin State School to the two closest facilities is 83 miles and 107 minutes, which is less than the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, San Antonio and Brenham, have 165 available vacant beds. Assuming that 15% of the residents at Austin could be transferred to the community and 165 residents could move to either San Antonio or Brenham, 210 residents would need to be transferred to other state schools. Assuming the residents would move to the next closest schools, average travel distances would increase by 112 miles.

#### **Condition of existing facility structures**

Opened in 1917, Austin is one of the oldest state schools. According to MHMR, it has 94 buildings, 89 of which are in use by either people or storage. While Austin is an old school and it belongs to the lowest quadrant (the one with the fewest barriers to closure) for facility condition, it does have greater barriers to closure with regard to forecasted renewal costs and deferred maintenance.

# Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of Austin State School's 96 acres is just over \$15,00,000. Austin State School leases space to AT&T for a cell tower.

### Administrative cost of the facility

Chart 3-6

Austin State School Cost Analysis

		FY 2003	FY 2002	Wei	ighted Average
Expenses		Amount	Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$	17,174,532	\$ 16,487,640	\$	16,831,915
Other Routine Daily Services		325,664	802,380		563,446
Training		-	_		-
Social Services		115,882	115,091		115,487
Activity Services		373,498	397,879		385,659
Therapy Services		624,189	687,685		655,860
Other Resident Care Services		100,325	154,987		127,590
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping		764,525	 732,465		748,534
Subtotal Resident Costs	\$	19,478,615	\$ 19,378,127	\$	19,428,492
Day Program Costs		891,006	893,276		892,138
Medical Expenses					
Classified Salaries	\$	1,540,381	\$ 1,593,377	\$	1,566,815
FICA Contributions		110,223	125,810		117,998
Employee Benefits		362,143	297,350		329,825
Other		3,335,043	2,709,421		3,022,988
Subtotal Medical	\$	5,347,789	\$ 4,725,959	\$	5,037,625
<b>Subtotal Routine Costs</b>	\$	25,717,410	\$ 24,997,362	\$	25,358,256
Administration		2,709,623	2,965,355		2,837,180
Overhead Costs					
Miscellaneous Overhead	\$	3,906,006	\$ 1,999,776	\$	2,955,193
Dietary		2,129,822	2,359,913		2,244,590
Facility Costs		4,649,753	3,096,243		3,874,874
Payroll Taxes		1,926,299	1,838,206		1,882,359
Employee Benefits		5,459,983	5,066,262		5,263,598
Workers Compensation		1,363,241	 <u> </u>		683,267
<b>Subtotal Overhead Costs</b>	\$	19,435,104	\$ 14,360,400	\$	16,903,879
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$	47,862,137	\$ 42,323,117	\$	45,099,315
Total Patient Days as Reported		158,567	157,803		158,185
Administration Cost/Day	\$	17.09	\$ 18.79	\$	17.94
Overhead Cost/Day	\$	122.57	\$ 91.00	\$	106.86
Routine Cost/Day		162.19	\$ 158.41	\$	160.31
Total Cost/Day	<u>\$</u> \$	301.84	\$ 268.20	\$	285.10

# Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

Chart 3-7

Facility	Contiguous Counties	US Census 2000 Population
Austin State School	Bastrop	57,733
Austin State School	Blanco	8,418
Austin State School	Burnet	34,147
Austin State School	Caldwell	32,194
Austin State School	Hays	97,589
Austin State School	Lee	15,657
Austin State School	Travis	812,280
Austin State School	Williamson	249,967
	Total	1,307,985

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

Chart 3-8

		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
		Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
Austin State School	Bastrop	5.6
Austin State School	Blanco	3.7
Austin State School	Burnet	4.0
Austin State School	Cald well	6.6
Austin State School	Hays	4.8
Austin State School	Lee	3.8
Austin State School	Travis	4.8
Austin State School	Williamson	3.9
	Weighted Ave.	4.7

Based on information from the 2002 Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Austin State School is the 68<sup>th</sup> largest employer in the community.

# Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at Austin remained about the same between FY 03 and FY 01.

Chart 3-9				
Avg. Daily Census	FY01	FY02	FY03	
Austin	429	429	431	

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of Austin's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

	Chart 3-10						
		US Census		US Census		US Census	
		2000		2000		2000	
Facility	County	Population	County	Population	County	Population	
Austin State School	Bandera	17,645	Guadalupe	89,023	Menard	2,360	
Austin State School	Bastrop	57,733	Hays	97,589	Real	3,047	
Austin State School	Blanco	8,418	Kendall	23,743	Schleicher	2,935	
Austin State School	Burnet	34,147	Kerr	43.653	Sutton	4,077	
Austin State School	Caldwell	32,194	Kimble	4,468	Travis	812,280	
Austin State School	Comal	78,021	Kinney	3,379	Williamson	249,967	
Austin State School	Edwards	2,162	Lee	15.657	Uvalde	25,926	
Austin State School	Fayette	21,804	Llano	17,044	Val Verde	44,856	
Austin State School	Gillespie	20,814	Mason	3,738			
Austin State School	Gonzales	18,628	Medina	39,304			
	Subtotal	291,566	Subtotal	337,598	Subtotal	1,145,448	
					Grand Total	1.774.612	

# Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

Austin State School has a small number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer; however, all of these beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

### Identification of specialty programs and services

Austin State School does not admit clients from the criminal justice system.

#### 3.3 Brenham State School

Location:

Superintendent:

4001 Highway 36 South Brenham, TX 77833 Rick Browder

Facility History:
Opened in 1974

Service Area: 10 counties

198 acres

FY 04 Funded Beds:

Enrollment as of 5/28/04

394 beds

392 residents

## Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from Brenham State School to the two closest facilities is 76 miles and 112 minutes, which is less than the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, Richmond and Austin, have 144 available vacant beds. Assuming that 15% of the residents at Brenham could be transferred to the community and 144 residents could move to either Austin or Richmond, 189 residents would need to be transferred to other state schools. Assuming the residents would move to the next closest schools, average travel distances would increase by 112 miles.

#### Condition of existing facility structures

Opened in 1974, Brenham is one of the newest state schools. According to MHMR, it has 33 buildings, all of which are in use by either people or storage. Because it is newer and is in good condition, Brenham State School has fairly high barriers to closure with regard to facility physical condition.

# Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of Brenham State School's 198 acres is just under \$900,000. About half the land is in use by the facility.

#### Administrative cost of the facility

**Chart 3-11** 

Brenham State School Cost Analysis

	FY 2003	FY 2002	Wei	ghted Average
Expenses	Amount	Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$ 15,351,006	\$ 15,438,087	\$	15,396,081
Other Routine Daily Services	587,152	645,352		617,278
Training	79,702	193,061		138,379
Social Services	140,719	147,466		144,211
Activity Services	126,443	221,536		175,665
Therapy Services	387,834	495,545		443,588
Other Resident Care Services	135,152	105,190		119,643
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping	 813,303	 920,469		868,774
Subtotal Resident Care	\$ 17,621,311	\$ 18,166,706	\$	17,903,619
Day Program Costs	1,260,493	1,111,206		1,183,219
Medical Expenses				
Classified Salaries	\$ 1,128,868	\$ 1,111,360	\$	1,119,805
FICA Contributions	78,952	76,261		77,559
Employee Benefits	198,177	146,770		171,568
Other	 1,948,364	 1,627,866		1,782,467
Subtotal Medical	\$ 3,354,362	\$ 2,962,256	\$	3,151,400
Subtotal Routine	\$ 22,236,166	\$ 22,240,168	\$	22,238,238
Administration	2,268,912	2,648,991		2,465,649
Overhead Costs				
Miscellaneous Overhead	\$ 3,923,777	\$ 1,811,639	\$	2,830,489
Dietary	2,116,582	2,296,837		2,209,886
Facility Costs	4,088,830	3,120,881		3,587,799
Payroll Taxes	1,593,181	1,647,614		1,621,357
Employee Benefits	5,222,048	5,056,627		5,136,423
Workers Compensation	 683,093	(217,082)		217,143
Subtotal Overhead Costs	\$ 17,627,511	\$ 13,716,516	\$	15,603,096
Total Costs	\$ 42,132,589	\$ 38,605,675	\$	40,306,983
Total Patient Days as Reported	143,319	153,790		148,555
Administration Cost/Day	\$ 15.83	\$ 17.22	\$	16.60
Overhead Cost/Day	\$ 122.99	\$ 89.19	\$	105.03
Routine Cost/Day	\$ 155.15	\$ 144.61	\$	149.70
Total Cost/Day	\$ 293.98	\$ 251.03	\$	271.33

We learned in a site visit that Brenham is one of several facilities who are trying to cut costs through economies of scale. Brenham and Richmond partner in providing a number of services including dental, audiology, laundry and accounting. In this manner, the school can cut administrative costs while still providing the same levels of service.

### Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

**Chart 3-12** 

	Contiguous	2000		
Facility	Counties	Population		
Brenham State School	Austin	23,590		
Brenham State School	Brazos	152,415		
Brenham State School	Burleson	16,470		
Brenham State School	Fayette	21,804		
Brenham State School	Grimes	23,552		
Brenham State School	Lee	15,657		
Brenham State School	Waller	32,663		
Brenham State School	Washington	30,373		
	Total	316,524		

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

**Chart 3-13** 

		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
		Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
Brenham State School	Austin	4,1
Brenham State School	Brazos	2.0
Brenham State School	Burleson	5.4
Brenham State School	Fayette	2.6
Brenham State School	Grimes	7.2
Brenham State School	Lee	3.8
Brenham State School	Waller	6.1
Brenham State School	Washington	<u>3.7</u>
	Weighted Ave.	3.4

Based on information from the 2003 Texas Department of Banking – Comptroller of the Currency, Brenham State School is the top largest employer in the community.

## Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at Brenham declined by 17% between FY 03 and FY 01.

**Chart 3-14** 

Avg. Daily Census	FY01	FY02	FY03
Brenham	454	418	389

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of Brenham's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

**Chart 3-15** 

		US Census		US Census
		2000		2000
Facility	County	Population	County	Population
Brenham State School	Brazos	152,415	Madison	12,940
Brenham State School	Burleson	16,470	Montgomery	293,768
Brenham State School	Grimes	23,552	Robertson	16,000
Brenham State School	Leon	15,335	Walker	61,758
Brenham State School	Liberty	70,154	Washington	30,373
	Subtotal	277,926	Subtotal	414,839
			Grand Total	692,765

# Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

Brenham State School has a large number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer. About 45% of those beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

#### Identification of specialty programs and services

Brenham State School does not admit clients from the criminal justice system.

#### 3-4 Corpus Christi State School

Location:

902 Airport Boulevard Corpus Christi, TX 78405 Superintendent:

Gail Sharp

Facility History:

Opened in 1970 104 acres Service Area:

21 counties for general services

Statewide for adults admitted through the

criminal justice system

FY 04 Funded Beds:

366 beds

Enrollment as of 5/28/04

362 residents

#### Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from Corpus Christi State School to the two closest facilities is 159 miles and 169 minutes, which is about the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, San Antonio and Richmond, have 191 available vacant beds. Assuming that 15% of the residents at Corpus Christi could be transferred to the community and 191 residents could move to either San Antonio or Richmond, 117 residents would need to be transferred to other state schools. Assuming the residents would move to the next closest schools, average travel distances would increase by 178 miles.

## Condition of existing facility structures

Opened in 1970, Corpus Christi is one of the newest state schools. According to MHMR, it has 44 buildings, all of which are in use by either people or storage. While Corpus Christi is a newer state school, it is not among the schools with the highest barriers to closure with regard to facility condition, except for deferred maintenance costs. This is predominantly a result of high forecasted renewal costs.

# Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of Corpus Christi State School's 104 acres is about \$1,150,000. State school operations cover 102 acres of the site.

#### Administrative cost of the facility

**Chart 3-16** 

# Corpus Christi State School Cost Analysis

		FY 2003	FY 2002	Wei	ghted Average
Expenses		Amount	Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$	12,480,863	\$ 12,034,816	\$	12,256,360
Other Routine Daily Services		364,606	404,246		384,557
Training		_	-		-
Social Services		97,412	98,642		98,031
Activity Services		45,679	48,907		47,304
Therapy Services		554,645	536,094		545,308
Other Resident Care Services		155,759	143,595		149,637
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping		805,572	818,461		812,059
Subtotal Resident Care	\$	14,504,536	\$ 14,084,761	\$	14,293,256
Day Program Costs		675,006	529,595		601,818
Medical Expenses					
Classified Salaries	\$	2,201,659	\$ 1,983,401	\$	2,091,806
FICA Contributions		158,094	143,975		150,988
Employee Benefits		544,210	388,745		465,962
Other		3,407,051	 2,641,272		3,021,622
Subtotal Medical	\$	6,311,014	\$ 5,157,392	\$	5,730,377
<b>Subtotal Routine Costs</b>	\$	21,490,556	\$ 19,771,748	\$	20,625,452
Administration		2,403,661	2,433,674		2,418,767
Overhead Costs					
Miscellaneous Overhead	\$	3,095,504	\$ 1,263,179	\$	2,173,265
Dietary		1,456,773	1,452,257		1,454,500
Facility Costs		3,769,542	2,181,493		2,970,251
Payroll Taxes		1,314,094	1,275,649		1,294,744
Employee Benefits		4,557,510	4,313,603		4,434,748
Workers Compensation		724,262	 		359,729
Subtotal Overhead Costs	\$	14,917,685	\$ 10,486,181	\$	12,687,236
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$	38,811,902	\$ 32,691,603	\$	35,731,456
Total Patient Days as Reported		132,396	134,164		133,280
Administration Cost/Day	\$	18.16	\$ 18.14	\$	18.15
Overhead Cost/Day	\$	112.67	\$ 78.16	\$	95.19
Routine Cost/Day		162.32	\$ 147.37	\$	154.75
Total Cost/Day	<u>\$</u> \$	293.15	\$ 243.67	\$	268.09

## Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

**Chart 3-17** 

		US Census
	Contiguous	2000
Facility	Counties	Population
Corpus Christi State School	Jim Wells	39,326
Corpus Christi State School	Kleberg	31,549
Corpus Christi State School	Nueces	313,645
Corpus Christi State School	San Patricio	67,138
	Total	451,658

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

**Chart 3-18** 

		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
		Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
Corpus Christi State School	Jim Wells	6.9
Corpus Christi State School	Kleberg	5.7
Corpus Christi State School	Nueces	6.1
Corpus Christi State School	San Patricio	<u>7.5</u>
	Weighted Ave.	6.3

Based on information from the 2003 Texas Workforce Commission, Corpus Christi State School is the 17<sup>th</sup> largest employer in the community.

### Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at Corpus Christi declined by 6% between FY 03 and FY 01.

**Chart 3-19** 

Avg. Daily Census	FY01	FY02	FY03
Corpus Christi	380	363	358

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of Corpus Christi's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

**Chart 3-20** 

		US Census		US Census		US Census
		2000		2000		2000
Facility	County	Population	County	Population	County	Population
Corpus Christi State School	Aransas	22,497	Jackson	14,391	Nueces	313,645
Corpus Christi State School	Bee	32,359	Jim Hogg	5,281	Refugio	7,828
Corpus Christi State School	Brooks	7,976	Jim Wells	39,326	San Patricio	67,138
Corpus Christi State School	Calhoun	20,647	Kenedy	414	Starr	53,597
Corpus Christi State School	DeWitt	20,013	Kleberg	31,549	Victoria	84,088
Corpus Christi State School	Duval	13,120	Lavaca	19,210	Webb	193,117
Corpus Christi State School	Goliad	6,928	Live Oak	12,309	Zapata	12,182
	Subtotal	123,540	Subtotal	122,480	Subtotal	731,595
					Grand Total	977,615

Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

Corpus Christi State School has a smaller number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer; however, all of those beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

## Identification of specialty programs and services

Corpus Christi State School admits clients from the criminal justice system.

#### 3-5 Denton State School

Location:

State School Road

Denton, TX 76210

Facility History:

Opened in 1960

188 acres

Service Area:

Superintendent:

Jim Sibley

16 counties

FY 04 Funded Beds:

654 beds

Enrollment as of 5/28/04

651 residents

## Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from Denton State School to the two closest facilities is 154 miles and 162 minutes, which is less than the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, Mexia and Abilene, have 231 available vacant beds. Assuming that 15% of the residents at Denton could be transferred to the community and 231 residents could move to either Mexia or Abilene, 322 residents would need to be transferred to other state schools. Assuming the residents would move to the next closest schools, average travel distances would increase by 217 miles.

## **Condition of existing facility structures**

Opened in 1960, Denton is about the average age of a state school. According to MHMR, it has 76 buildings, all of which are in use by either people or storage. Denton's facility condition index ranks it among the facilities with the fewest barriers to closure. While it reports better figures in other statistics, it may have some facility condition problems.

# Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of Denton State School's 188 acres is about \$3,000,000. State school operations cover 145 acres of the site.

#### Administrative cost of the facility

**Chart 3-21** 

Denton State School Cost Analysis

	FY 2003	FY 2002	Wei	ghted Average
Expenses	 Amount	Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$ 22,901,173	\$ 21,522,259	\$	22,208,755
Other Routine Daily Services	560,055	600,131		580,179
Training	-	-		-
Social Services	5,817	145,880		76,149
Activity Services	157,667	159,022		158,347
Therapy Services	773,592	838,197		806,033
Other Resident Care Services	209,972	254,036		232,099
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping	 1,303,211	 1,371,900		1,337,703
Subtotal Resident Care	\$ 25,911,487	\$ 24,891,425	\$	25,399,265
Day Program Costs	1,207,351	1,294,520		1,251,123
Medical Expenses				
Classified Salaries	\$ 4,430,754	\$ 4,241,488	\$	4,335,714
FICA Contributions	320,295	308,589		314,417
Employee Benefits	987,306	810,490		898,518
Other	 5,337,557	3,610,652		4,470,396
Subtotal Medical	\$ 11,075,912	\$ 8,971,218	\$	10,019,045
Subtotal Routine Costs	\$ 38,194,750	\$ 35,157,163	\$	36,669,433
Administration	3,743,866	3,741,744		3,742,800
Overhead Costs				
Miscellaneous Overhead	\$ 4,951,843	\$ 1,968,897	\$	3,453,964
Dietary	1,999,177	2,078,563		2,039,040
Facility Costs	4,903,186	4,425,403		4,663,268
Payroll Taxes	2,306,257	2,258,449		2,282,250
Employee Benefits	7,530,535	6,880,352		7,204,047
Workers Compensation	 779,716	-		388,183
<b>Subtotal Overhead Costs</b>	\$ 22,470,714	\$ 17,611,664	\$	20,030,754
Total Expenses	\$ 64,409,330	\$ 56,510,571	\$	60,442,987
Total Patient Days as Reported	237,144	239,190		238,167
Administration Cost/Day	\$ 15.79	\$ 15.64	\$	15.72
Overhead Cost/Day	\$ 94.76	\$ 73.63	\$	84.10
Routine Cost/Day	\$ 161.06	\$ 146.98	\$	153.97
Total Cost/Day	\$ 271.60	\$ 236.26	\$	253.78

### Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

Chart 3-22

		US Census
	Contiguous	2000
<b>Facility</b>	Counties	Population
Denton State School	Collin	491,675
Denton State School	Cooke	36,363
Denton State School	Dallas	2,218,899
Denton State School	Denton	432,976
Denton State School	Grayson	110,595
Denton State School	Hunt	76,596
Denton State School	Rockwall	43,080
Denton State School	Tarrant	1,446,219
Denton State School	Wise	48,793
	Total	4,905,196

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

**Chart 3-23** 

		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
		Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
Denton State School	Collin	5.0
Denton State School	Cooke	4.3
Denton State School	Dallas	6.9
Denton State School	Denton	4.4
Denton State School	Grayson	6.4
Denton State School	Hunt	6.2
Denton State School	Rockwall	5.0
Denton State School	Tarrant	5.7
Denton State School	Wise	<u>3.8</u>
	Weighted Ave.	6.0

Based on information from the 2004 Denton Chamber of Commerce, Denton State School is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest employer in the community.

# Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at Denton declined by 2% between FY 03 and FY 01.

Chart 3-24						
Avg. Daily Census	FY01	FY02	FY03			
Denton	656	648	642			

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of Denton's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

**Chart 3-25** 

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		US Census		US Census		US Census
		2000		2000		2000
Facility	County	Population	County	Population	County	Population
Denton State School	Camp	11,549	Fannin	31,242	Lamar	48,499
Denton State School	Collin	491,675	Franklin	9,458	Morris	13,048
Denton State School	Cooke	36,363	Grayson	110,595	Rockwall	43,080
Denton State School	Dallas	2,218,899	Hopkins	31,960	Titus	28,118
Denton State School	Delta	5,327	Hunt	76,596		
Denton State School	Denton	432,976	Kaufman	71,313		
	Subtotal	3,196,789	Subtotal	331,164	Subtotal	132,745
					Grand Total	3,660,698

Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

Denton State School has a smaller number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer. About 15% of those beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

### Identification of specialty programs and services

Denton State School does not admit clients from the criminal justice system.

#### 3-6 El Paso State Center

Location:

Superintendent:

6700 Delta Drive

Chuck Jones

El Paso, TX 79905

Facility History: Opened in 1974 Service Area: 1 county

20 acres

FY 04 Funded Beds:

Enrollment as of 5/28/04

143 beds

144 residents

## Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from El Paso State Center to the two closest facilities is 368 miles and 437 minutes, which much more than the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, San Angelo and Lubbock, have 154 available vacant beds. This means that all residents could move to one of these two facilities.

#### **Condition of existing facility structures**

Opened in 1974, El Paso is one of the newest state schools. According to MHMR, it has 19 buildings, all of which are in use by either people or storage. According to the CAFM data, El Paso is in excellent condition and presents high barriers to closure when looking at facility condition.

# Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of El Paso State Center's 20 acres is \$17,500. Additionally, there is a deed restriction on the property that indicates that it is limited to state use.

#### Administrative cost of the facility

**Chart 3-26** 

# El Paso State Center Cost Analysis

	FY 2003	FY 2002	We	ighted Average
Expenses	 Amount	Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$ 4,820,279	\$ 4,477,519	\$	4,645,700
Other Routine Daily Services	206,192	186,078		195,947
Training	-	-		-
Social Services	41,708	41,127		41,412
Activity Services	133,371	134,971		134,186
Therapy Services	188,902	133,099		160,480
Other Resident Care Services	54,932	53,709		54,309
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping	 302,512	 312,732		307,717
Subtotal Resident Care	\$ 5,747,896	\$ 5,339,235	\$	5,539,751
Day Program Costs	101,960	159,572		131,304
Medical Expenses				
Classified Salaries	\$ 670,634	\$ 660,313	\$	665,377
FICA Contributions	47,661	46,778		47,212
Employee Benefits	162,969	97,616		129,682
Other	 1,189,914	 1,111,485	_	1,149,967
Subtotal Medical	\$ 2,071,178	\$ 1,916,192	\$	1,992,238
Subtotal Routine Costs	\$ 7,921,034	\$ 7,414,999	\$	7,663,293
Administration	1,116,133	1,459,970		1,291,261
Overhead Costs				
Miscellaneous Overhead	\$ 1,359,234	\$ 661,126	\$	1,003,664
Dietary	667,069	708,118		687,977
Facility Costs	1,373,019	1,060,037		1,213,607
Payroll Taxes	505,338	262,276		381,538
Employee Benefits	1,770,357	1,592,791		1,679,917
Workers Compensation	 391,153	 •		191,925
Subtotal Overhead Costs	\$ 6,066,170	\$ 4,284,348	\$	5,158,628
Total Expenses	\$ 15,103,337	\$ 13,159,317	\$	14,113,181
Total Patient Days as Reported	51,253	53,203		52,228
Administration Cost/Day	\$ 21.78	\$ 27.44	\$	24.72
Overhead Cost/Day	\$ 118.36	\$ 80.53	\$	98.77
Routine Cost/Day	\$ 154.55	\$ 139.37	\$	146.73
Total Cost/Day	\$ 294.68	\$ 247.34	\$	270.22

#### Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

**Chart 3-27** 

		US Census	
	Contiguous	2000	
Facility	Counties	Population	
El Paso State Center	El Paso	679,622	
El Paso State Center	Hudspeth	3,344	
	Total	682,966	

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

**Chart 3-28** 

		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
		Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
El Paso State School	El Paso	8.0
El Paso State School	Hudspeth	<u>6.5</u>
	Weighted Ave.	8.0

Based on information from the 2003 El Paso Economic Development Foundation, El Paso State Center is the 60<sup>th</sup> largest employer in the community.

# Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at El Paso declined by 4% between FY 03 and FY 01.

**Chart 3-29** 

Avg. Daily Census	FY01	FY02	FY03
El Paso	145	145	139

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of El Paso's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

#### Chart 3-30

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Facility	County	US Census 2000 Population	
El Paso State Center	El Paso	679,622	
	Grand Total	679,622	

# Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

El Paso State Center has a small number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer; however, all of those beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

# Identification of specialty programs and services

El Paso State Center does not admit clients from the criminal justice system.

#### 3-7 Lubbock State School

Location:

Superintendent:

3401 North University Avenue

Jackie Porch

Lubbock, TX 79417

Facility History:

Service Area:

Opened in 1969

54 counties

226 acres

FY 04 Funded Beds:

Enrollment as of 5/28/04

342 beds

344 residents

#### Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from Lubbock State School to the two closest facilities is 171 miles and 221 minutes, which is more than the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, San Angelo and Abilene, have 186 available vacant beds. Assuming that 15% of the residents at Lubbock could be transferred to the community and 186 residents could move to either San Angelo or Abilene, 106 residents would need to be transferred to other state schools. Assuming the residents would move to the next closest schools, average travel distances would increase by 288 miles.

#### Condition of existing facility structures

Opened in 1969, Lubbock is one of the newer state schools. According to MHMR, it has 41 buildings, all of which are in use by either people or storage. Lubbock has relatively low current replacement values, which causes it to report less favorable facility condition index figures. It does have high barriers to closure with regard to deferred maintenance.

# <u>Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities</u>

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of Lubbock State School's 226 acres is \$520,000. There is an undeveloped portion of land that is approximately 139 acres; however, there is a deed restriction on Lubbock State School's property that limits it to mental retardation use.

#### Administrative cost of the facility

**Chart 3-31** 

## Lubbock State School Cost Analysis

	FY 2003	FY 2002	Wei	ghted Average
Expenses	 Amount	 Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$ 11,530,344	\$ 10,868,449	\$	11,191,726
Other Routine Daily Services	323,731	423,293		374,666
Training	27,323	27,135		27,227
Social Services	99,934	131,140		115,899
Activity Services	152,877	232,894		193,813
Therapy Services	356,383	461,396		410,106
Other Resident Care Services	138,473	51,587		94,023
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping	 758,549	 847,118		803,860
Subtotal Resident Care	\$ 13,387,614	\$ 13,043,012	\$	13,211,320
Day Program Costs	556,196	497,859		526,351
Medical Expenses				
Classified Salaries	\$ 2,776,953	\$ 2,727,812	\$	2,751,813
FICA Contributions	199,407	199,297		199,351
Employee Benefits	672,531	573,537		621,887
Other	 2,926,454	 2,764,258		2,843,477
Subtotal Medical	\$ 6,575,344	\$ 6,264,903	\$	6,416,526
Subtotal Routine Costs	\$ 20,519,154	\$ 19,805,774	\$	20,154,198
Administration	2,333,782	2,665,058		2,503,259
Overhead Costs				
Miscellaneous Overhead	\$ 2,717,255	\$ 723,104	\$	1,697,071
Dietary	1,524,202	1,592,377		1,559,080
Facility Costs	2,172,612	2,284,802		2,230,007
Payroll Taxes	1,232,383	1,208,077		1,219,948
Employee Benefits	4,118,708	4,039,123		4,077,993
Workers Compensation	 538,414	 <u>-</u>		262,968
Subtotal Overhead Costs	\$ 12,303,574	\$ 9,847,483	\$	11,047,067
Total Expenses	\$ 35,156,510	\$ 32,318,315	\$	33,704,524
Total Patient Days as Reported	126,002	131,981		128,992
Administration Cost/Day	\$ 18.52	\$ 20.19	\$	19.41
Overhead Cost/Day	\$ 97.65	\$ 74.61	\$	85.64
Routine Cost/Day	\$ 162.85	\$ 150.07	\$	156.24
Total Cost/Day	\$ 279.02	\$ 244.87	\$	261.29

## Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

**Chart 3-32** 

		US Census
	Contiguous	2000
Facility	Counties	Population
Lubbock State School	Crosby	7,072
Lubbock State School	Floyd	7,771
Lubbock State School	Garza	4,872
Lubbock State School	Hale	36,602
Lubbock State School	Hockley	22,716
Lubbock State School	Lamb	14,709
Lubbock State School	Lubbock	242,628
Lubbock State School	Lynn	6,550
Lubbock State School	Тепту	12,761
	Total	355,681

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

**Chart 3-33** 

		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
		Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
Lubbock State School	Crosby	6.9
Lubbock State School	Floyd	9.3
Lubbock State School	Garza	3.9
Lubbock State School	Hale	6.6
Lubbock State School	Hockley	3.9
Lubbock State School	Lamb	7.4
Lubbock State School	Lubbock	3.2
Lubbock State School	Lynn	6.3
Lubbock State School	Terry	<u>7.8</u>
	Weighted Ave.	4.2

Based on information from the 2002 Market Lubbock, Inc., Lubbock State School is the  $10^{th}$  largest employer in the community.

## Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at Lubbock declined by 13% between FY 03 and FY 01.

**Chart 3-34** Avg. Daily Census FY01 **FY02 FY03** Lubbock 388 359 343

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of Lubbock's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

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		US Census		US Census		US Census
		2000		2000		2000
Facility	County	Population	County	Population	County	Population
Lubbock State School	Archer	8,854	Foard	1,622	Montague	19,117
Lubbock State School	Armstrong	2,148	Gray	22,744	Moore	20,121
Lubbock State School	Bailey	6,594	Hale	36,602	Motley	1,426
Lubbock State School	Baylor	4,093	Hall	3,782	Ochiltree	9,006
Lubbock State School	Briscoe	1,790	Hans ford	5,369	Oldham	2,185
Lubbock State School	Carson	6,516	Hardeman	4,724	Parmer	10,016
Lubbock State School	Castro	8,285	Hartley	5,537	Potter	113,546
Lubbock State School	Childress	7,688	Haskell	6.093	Randall	104,312
Lubbock State School	Clay	11,006	Hemphill	3,351	Roberts	887
Lubbock State School	Cochran	3.730	Hockley	22,716	Sherman	3,186
Lubbock State School	Collingsworth	3,206	Hutchinson	23,857	Stonewall	1,693
Lubbock State School	Cottle	1,904	Jack	8,763	Swisher	8,378
Lubbock State School	Crosby	7,072	King	356	Throckmorton	1,850
Lubbock State School	Dallam	6,222	Кпох	4,253	Wheeler	5,284
Lubbock State School	Deaf Smith	18,561	Lamb	14,709	Wichita	131,664
Lubbock State School	Dickens	2,762	Lipscomb	3,057	Wilbarger	14,676
Lubbock State School	Donley	3,828	Lubbock	242,628	Wise	48,793
Lubbock State School	Floyd	7,771	Lynn	6,550	Young	17,943
	Subtotal	112,030	Subtotal	416,713	Subtotal	514,083
					Grand Total	1,042,826

## Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

Lubbock State School has a large number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer. About 40% of those beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

### Identification of specialty programs and services

Lubbock State School does not admit clients from the criminal justice system.

## 3-8 Lufkin State School

Location:

Superintendent:

Highway 69 North Lufkin, TX 75902 Randy Spense

Service Area:

Facility History: Opened in 1960

28 counties

159 acres

FY 04 Funded Beds:

Enrollment as of 5/28/04

425 beds

421 residents

### Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from Lufkin State School to the two closest facilities is 134 miles and 187 minutes, which is about the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, Mexia and Brenham, have 244 available vacant beds. Assuming that 15% of the residents at Lufkin could be transferred to the community and 2444 residents could move to either Mexia or Brenham, 114 residents would need to be transferred to other state schools. Assuming the residents would move to the next closest schools, average travel distances would increase by 136 miles.

#### Condition of existing facility structures

Opened in 1960, Lufkin is about the average age of a state school. According to MHMR, it has 73 buildings, all of which are in use by either people or storage. While Lufkin is not one of the older facilities, it does not present high barriers to closure with regard to facility condition. While deferred maintenance costs are low, it does not have a good facility condition index and has high renewal costs.

## Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of Lufkin State School's 159 acres is just under \$215,000. The property is divided into four parcels, of which the school is located on one. Ninety-nine acres are woodland.

### Administrative cost of the facility

The chart below details exactly how PCG calculated total and administrative costs from the FY 02 and FY 03 Medicaid cost reports. These values were weighted based on patient days to determine an average for the two years.

**Chart 3-36** 

Lufkin State School Cost Analysis

	FY 2003	FY 2002	Wei	ghted Average
Expenses	Amount	 Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$ 13,748,210	\$ 13,487,928	\$	13,616,441
Other Routine Daily Services	525,397	683,083		605,226
Training	52	107,061		54,226
Social Services	126,998	137,368		132,248
Activity Services	371,400	175,649		272,300
Therapy Services	673,219	911,997		794,101
Other Resident Care Services	159,938	167,022		163,524
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping	892,170	 928,806		910,717
Subtotal Resident Care	\$ 16,497,384	\$ 16,598,914	\$	16,548,784
Day Program Costs	672,417	663,388		667,846
Medical Expenses				
Classified Salaries	\$ 2,697,042	\$ 2,449,093	\$	2,571,517
FICA Contributions	194,246	177,821		185,931
Employee Benefits	570,373	459,509		514,248
Other	3,101,700	2,552,455		2,823,643
Subtotal Medical	\$ 6,563,362	\$ 5,638,877	\$	6,095,338
Subtotal Routine Costs	\$ 23,733,163	\$ 22,901,179	\$	23,311,968
Administration	2,415,528	2,631,299		2,524,763
Overhead Costs				
Miscellaneous Overhead	\$ 3,577,279	\$ 1,475,382	\$	2,513,186
Dietary	1,606,616	1,688,309		1,647,973
Facility Costs	3,186,432	2,419,019		2,797,927
Payroll Taxes	1,462,487	1,502,612		1,482,800
Employee Benefits	4,983,387	4,910,061		4,946,265
Workers Compensation	 386,180	 -		190,675
<b>Subtotal Overhead Costs</b>	\$ 15,202,381	\$ 11,995,383	\$	13,578,827
Total Expenses	\$ 41,351,072	\$ 37,527,860	\$	39,415,558
Total Patient Days as Reported	153,727	157,621		155,674
Administration Cost/Day	\$ 15.71	\$ 16.69	\$	16.22
Overhead Cost/Day	\$ 98.89	\$ 76.10	\$	87.23
Routine Cost/Day	\$ 154.39	\$ 145.29	\$	149.75
Total Cost/Day	\$ 268.99	\$ 238.09	\$	253.19

### Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

**Chart 3-37** 

	Contiguous	US Census 2000
Facility	Counties	Population
Lufkin State School	Angelina	80,130
Lufkin State School	Cherokee	46,659
Lufkin State School	Houston	23,185
Lufkin State School	Jasper	35,604
Lufkin State School	Nacogdoches	59,203
Lufkin State School	Polk	41,133
Lufkin State School	San Augustine	8,946
Lufkin State School	Trinity	13,779
Lufkin State School	Tyler	20,871
	Total	329,510

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

Chart 3-38

		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
		Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
Lufkin State School	Angelina	7.1
Lufkin State School	Cherokee	3.9
Lufkin State School	Houston	4.9
Lufkin State School	Jasper	11.1
Lufkin State School	Nacogdoches	4.4
Lufkin State School	Polk	5.7
Lufkin State School	San Augustine	6.9
Lufkin State School	Trinity	6.2
Lufkin State School	Tyler	<u>7.8</u>
	Weighted Ave.	6.3

Based on information from the 2004 Lufkin-Angelina Economic Development Partnership, Lufkin State School is the 3rd largest employer in the community.

## Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at Lufkin declined by 6% between FY 03 and FY 01.

 Chart 3-39

 Avg. Daily Census
 FY01
 FY02
 FY03

 Lufkin
 443
 427
 417

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of Lufkin's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

**Chart 3-40** 

		US Census		US Census		US Census
		2000	i	2000		2000
Facility	County	Population	County	Population	County	Population
Lufkin State School	Anderson	55,109	Marion	10,941	San Jacinto	22,246
Lufkin State School	Angelina	80,130	Nacogdoches	59,203	Shelby	25,224
Lufkin State School	Bowie	89,306	Newton	15,072	Smith	174,706
Lufkin State School	Cass	30,438	Panola	22,756	Trinity	13,779
Lufkin State School	Cherokee	46,659	Polk	41,133	Tyler	20,871
Lufkin State School	Gregg	111,379	Rains	9,139	Upshur	35,291
Lufkin State School	Harrison	62,110	Red River	14,314	Van Zandt	48,140
Lufkin State School	Henderson	73,277	Rusk	47,372	Wood	36,752
Lufkin State School	Houston	23,185	Sabine	10,469		
Lufkin State School	Jasper	35,604	San Augustine	8,946		
	Subtotal	607,197	Subtotal	239,345	Subtotal	377,009
					Grand Total	1,223,551

Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

Lufkin State School has an average number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer. About 68% of those beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

### Identification of specialty programs and services

Lufkin State School does not admit clients from the criminal justice system.

#### 3-9 Mexia State School

Location:

Highway 171 North Mexia, TX 76667 Superintendent: Bill Lowry

Facility History:

Opened in 1942

842 acres

Service Area:

15 counties for general services

Statewide for adults and male adolescents admitted through the criminal justice system

FY 04 Funded Beds:

516 beds

Enrollment as of 5/28/04 518 residents

### Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from Mexia State School to the two closest facilities is 122 miles and 153 minutes, which is less than the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, Brenham and Lufkin, have 178 available vacant beds. Assuming that 15% of the residents at Mexia could be transferred to the community and 178 residents could move to either Brenham or Lufkin, 262 residents would need to be transferred to other state schools. Assuming the residents would move to the next closest schools, average travel distances would increase by 160 miles.

#### Condition of existing facility structures

Opened in 1942, Mexia is one of the older state schools. According to MHMR, it has 180 buildings, 179 of which are in use by either people or storage. Mexia has fairly low barriers to closure with regard to facility condition, which could be explained by the age of the facility.

# Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of Mexia State School's 842 acres is just over \$420,000. The school leases 620 acres for agricultural use and one of its buildings to a local college.

#### Administrative cost of the facility

The chart below details exactly how PCG calculated total and administrative costs from the FY 02 and FY 03 Medicaid cost reports. These values were weighted based on patient days to determine an average for the two years.

**Chart 3-41** 

Mexia State School Cost Analysis

	FY 2003	FY 2002	Wei	ghted Average
Expenses	Amount	 Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$ 21,332,084	\$ 20,530,794	\$	20,925,443
Other Routine Daily Services	343,511	577,319		462,164
Training	-	-		_
Social Services	122,438	141,651		132,188
Activity Services	952,927	1,522,951		1,242,204
Therapy Services	588,287	691,863		640,850
Other Resident Care Services	340,731	335,952		338,306
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping	 1,101,552	 1,100,218		1,100,875
Subtotal Resident Care	\$ 24,781,530	\$ 24,900,748	\$	24,842,031
Day Program Costs	1,061,929	1,132,530		1,097,758
Medical Expenses				
Classified Salaries	\$ 3,060,290	\$ 3,158,732	\$	3,110,248
FICA Contributions	214,180	224,221		219,276
Employee Benefits	730,696	626,863		678,003
Other	 3,077,518	 2,767,845		2,920,365
Subtotal Medical	\$ 7,082,685	\$ 6,777,662	\$	6,927,891
Subtotal Routine Costs	\$ 32,926,144	\$ 32,810,940	\$	32,867,680
Administration	4,372,552	4,476,681		4,425,396
Overhead Costs				
Miscellaneous Overhead	\$ 3,953,466	\$ 1,458,041	\$	2,687,081
Dietary	2,468,846	2,435,435		2,451,890
Facility Costs	5,279,576	4,312,104		4,788,601
Payroll Taxes	2,258,410	2,290,151		2,274,518
Employee Benefits	7,548,880	7,347,262		7,446,562
Workers Compensation	 1,163,733	 _		573,159
Subtotal Overhead Costs	\$ 22,672,911	\$ 17,842,993	\$	20,221,811
Total Expenses	\$ 59,971,607	\$ 55,130,614	\$	57,514,887
Total Patient Days as Reported	188,677	194,410		191,544
Administration Cost/Day	\$ 23.17	\$ 23.03	\$	23.10
Overhead Cost/Day	\$ 120.17	\$ 91.78	\$	105.57
Routine Cost/Day	\$ 174.51	\$ 168.77	\$	171.59
Total Cost/Day	\$ 317.85	\$ 283.58	\$	300.27

### Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

**Chart 3-42** 

Facility	Contiguous Counties	US Census 2000 Population	
Mexia State School	Falls	18,576	
Mexia State School	Freestone	17,867	
Mexia State School	Hill	32,321	
Mexia State School	Leon	15,335	
Mexia State School	Limestone	22,051	
Mexia State School	McLennan	213,517	
Mexia State School	Navarro	45,124	
Mexia State School	Robertson	16,000	
	Total	380,791	

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

Chart 3-43

		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
		Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
Mexia State School	Falls	5.0
Mexia State School	Freestone	4.2
Mexia State School	Hill	5.8
Mexia State School	Leon	6.1
Mexia State School	Limestone	3.9
Mexia State School	McLennan	4.3
Mexia State School	Navarro	6.5
Mexia State School	Robertson	<u>5.4</u>
,	Weighted Ave.	4.8

Based on information from the 2004 Oncor Economic Development Department, Mexia State School is the top largest employer in the community.

**Grand Total** 

2,414,231

#### Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at Mexia declined by 7% between FY 03 and FY 01.

 Chart 3-44

 Avg. Daily Census
 FY01
 FY02
 FY03

 Mexia
 544
 526
 508

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of Mexia's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

Chart 3-45 US Census US Census 2000 2000 **Facility** County Population County Population Bell 237,974 126,811 Mexia State School Johnson Mexia State School Bosque 17,204 Lampasas 17,762 74,978 22,051 Mexia State School Coryell Limestone McLennan Mexia State School Ellis 111,360 213,517 Falls 18,576 Mexia State School Milam 24,238 Mexia State School Freestone 17,867 Navarro 45,124 Mexia State School Hamilton 8,229 Tarrant 1,446,219 Mexia State School Hill 32,321 Subtotal 518,509 Subtotal 1,895,722

# Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

Mexia State School has a large number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer. About 55% of those beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

### Identification of specialty programs and services

Mexia State School admits clients from the criminal justice system.

#### 3-10 Richmond State School

242 acres

Location: Superintendent:

2100 Preston Street Al Barrera Richmond, TX 77469

Facility History: Service Area:
Opened in 1968 13 counties

FY 04 Funded Beds: Enrollment as of 5/28/04

525 beds 524 residents

#### Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from Richmond State School to the two closest facilities is 106 miles and 147 minutes, which is less than the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, Brenham and Austin, have 152 available vacant beds. Assuming that 15% of the residents at Richmond could be transferred to the community and 152 residents could move to either Brenham or Austin, 293 residents would need to be transferred to other state schools. Assuming the residents would move to the next closest schools, average travel distances would increase by 168 miles.

#### Condition of existing facility structures

Opened in 1968, Richmond is one of the newer state schools. According to MHMR, it has 51 buildings, all of which are in use by either people or storage. While Richmond is a newer school, it belongs to the lowest quadrant (the one with the fewest barriers to closure) for facility condition. It does have low renewal and critical deferred maintenance costs.

# Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of Richmond State School's 242 acres is just over \$1,160,000. The state school resides on 145 acres; the rest is river bottomland or upland flats.

#### Administrative cost of the facility

The chart below details exactly how PCG calculated total and administrative costs from the FY 02 and FY 03 Medicaid cost reports. These values were weighted based on patient days to determine an average for the two years.

**Chart 3-46** 

## Richmond State School Cost Analysis

	FY 2003	FY 2002	Wei	ghted Average
Expenses	 Amount	Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$ 20,479,137	\$ 20,529,765	\$	20,504,919
Other Routine Daily Services	557,308	687,316		623,514
Training	-	_		-
Social Services	190,567	182,668		186,544
Activity Services	452,294	475,067		463,891
Therapy Services	623,261	626,557		624,939
Other Resident Care Services	282,994	305,089		294,246
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping	 1,083,558	 1,204,333		1,145,062
Subtotal Resident Care	\$ 23,669,119	\$ 24,010,795	\$	23,843,117
Day Program Costs	729,438	724,005		726,671
Medical Expenses				
Classified Salaries	\$ 3,217,981	\$ 3,228,902	\$	3,223,542
FICA Contributions	225,851	227,902		226,895
Employee Benefits	696,916	589,297		642,111
Other	3,213,108	2,697,292		2,950,430
Subtotal Medical	\$ 7,353,857	\$ 6,743,392	\$	7,042,979
Subtotal Routine Costs	\$ 31,752,414	\$ 31,478,192	\$	31,612,767
Administration	3,413,388	3,377,009		3,394,862
Overhead Costs				
Miscellaneous Overhead	\$ 4,826,989	\$ 2,026,867	\$	3,401,033
Dietary	2,113,443	2,202,571		2,158,831
Facility Costs	5,433,306	4,179,029		4,794,568
Payroll Taxes	2,079,205	2,094,325		2,086,905
Employee Benefits	7,027,316	6,815,278		6,919,336
Workers Compensation	 773,747			379,718
Subtotal Overhead Costs	\$ 22,254,006	\$ 17,318,070	\$	19,740,391
Total Expenses	\$ 57,419,808	\$ 52,173,271	\$	54,748,020
Total Patient Days as Reported	190,825	198,017		194,421
Administration Cost/Day	\$ 17.89	\$ 17.05	\$	17.46
Overhead Cost/Day	\$ 116.62	\$ 87.46	\$	101.53
Routine Cost/Day	\$ 166.40	\$ 158.97	\$	162. <u>60</u>
Total Cost/Day	\$ 300.90	\$ 263.48	\$	281.60

We learned in a site visit that Richmond is one of several facilities who are trying to cut costs through economies of scale. Brenham and Richmond partner in providing a number of services including dental, audiology, laundry and accounting. In this manner, the school can cut administrative costs while still providing the same levels of service.

## Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

Chart 3-47

		US Census
	Contiguous	2000
Facility	Counties	Population
Richmond State School	Austin	23,590
Richmond State School	Brazoria	241,767
Richmond State School	Fort Bend	354,452
Richmond State School	Harris	3,400,578
Richmond State School	Matagorda	37,957
Richmond State School	Waller	32,663
Richmond State School	Wharton	41,188
	Total	4,132,195

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

Chart 3-48

		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
		Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
Richmond State School	Austin	4.1
Richmond State School	Brazoria	1.8
Richmond State School	Fort Bend	5.3
Richmond State School	Harris	6.4
Richmond State School	Matagorda	13.4
Richmond State School	Waller	6.1
Richmond State School	Wharton	<u>6.2</u>
	Weighted Ave.	6.5

Based on information from the 2003 Fort Bend Jobs website, Richmond State School is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest employer in the community.

**Grand Total** 

4,813,864

## Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at Richmond declined by 9% between FY 03 and FY 01.

 Chart 3-49

 Avg. Daily Census
 FY01
 FY02
 FY03

 Richmond
 564
 537
 518

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of Richmond's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

Chart 3-50 **US** Census US Census 2000 2000 County **Population** County Population Facility 3,400,578 Richmond State School Austin 23,590 Harris 241,767 252,051 Jefferson Richmond State School Brazoria 26,031 Matagorda 37,957 Richmond State School Chambers Richmond State School Colorado 20,390 Orange 84,966 354,452 Waller 32,663 Richmond State School Fort Bend Richmond State School Galveston 250,158 Wharton 41,188 Richmond State School Hardin 48,073 964,461 3,849,403 Subtotal Subtotal

# Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

Richmond State School has a large number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer. About 40% of those beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

### Identification of specialty programs and services

Richmond State School does not admit clients from the criminal justice system. During our site visit to Richmond, the staff indicated that it provides specialty services to individual suffering from pica disorder and has furnished a residence specifically for this client type.

#### 3-11 San Angelo State School

Location:

Highway 87 North San Angelo, TX 76934 Superintendent:

Philip Baugh

Facility History:

Built in 1911

Opened as a state school in 1969

1031 acres

Service Area:

38 counties

Statewide for adults and female adolescents admitted through the criminal justice system

FY 04 Funded Beds:

294 beds

Enrollment as of 5/28/04

298 residents

## Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from San Angelo State School to the two closest facilities is 135 miles and 184 minutes, which is about the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, Abilene and Lubbock, have 198 available vacant beds. Assuming that 15% of the residents at San Angelo could be transferred to the community and 198 residents could move to either Abilene or Lubbock, 55 residents would need to be transferred to other state schools. Assuming the residents would move to the next closest schools, average travel distances would increase by 170 miles.

#### Condition of existing facility structures

Built in 1911 as a tuberculosis hospital and then converted in the 60's for residential developmental disabilities services, San Angelo is one of the oldest state schools. According to MHMR, it has 83 buildings, all of which are in use by either people or storage. Although relative to the other schools, San Angelo presents very low barriers to closure with regard to facility condition. PCG's architectural subcontractor noted that the buildings are structurally very sound.

## Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of San Angelo State School's 1,031 acres is just over \$515,000. San Angelo leases 935 of the acres to Texas A&M.

#### Administrative cost of the facility

The chart below details exactly how PCG calculated total and administrative costs from the FY 02 and FY 03 Medicaid cost reports. These values were weighted based on patient days to determine an average for the two years.

**Chart 3-51** 

San Angelo State School Cost Analysis

	FY 2003		FY 2002	Wei	ghted Average
Expenses	Amount		Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$ 11,007,121	\$	10,527,914	\$	10,768,126
Other Routine Daily Services	443,126		507,177		475,070
Training	-		-		<del>.</del>
Social Services	50,348		140,441		95,280
Activity Services	667,191		739,180		703,094
Therapy Services	235,489		263,662		249,540
Other Resident Care Services	30,874		43,630		37,236
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping	 587,869		589,638		588,751
Subtotal Residential Care	\$ 13,022,018	\$	12,811,642	\$	12,917,097
Day Program Costs	277,314		290,374		283,827
Medical Expenses					
Classified Salaries	\$ 1,335,794	\$	1,140,801	\$	1,238,545
FICA Contributions	94,623		79,336		86,999
Employee Benefits	298,478		213,469		256,081
Other	 2,582,521		2,390,536		2,486,773
Subtotal Medical	\$ 4,311,416	\$	3,824,143	\$	4,068,398
<b>Subtotal Routine Costs</b>	\$ 17,610,748	\$	16,926,159	\$	17,269,323
Administration	2,554,315		2,856,878		2,705,212
Overhead Costs					
Miscellanous Overhead	\$ 2,486,123	\$	1,022,776	\$	1,756,309
Dietary	1,195,326		1,127,539		1,161,519
Facility Costs	3,446,828		2,770,263		3,109,405
Payroll Taxes	1,142,395		1,117,981		1,130,219
Employee Benefits	3,894,725		3,725,134		3,810,145
Workers Compensation	 643,283		(1,540)		321,691
Subtotal Overhead Costs	\$ 12,808,680	\$	9,762,153	\$	11,289,287
Total Expenses	\$ 32,973,743	\$	29,545,190	\$	31,263,822
Total Patient Days as Reported	104,753		104,222		104,488
Administration Cost/Day	\$ 24.38	\$	27.41	\$	25.89
Overhead Cost/Day	\$ 122.28	\$	93.67	\$	108.04
Routine Cost/Day	\$ 168.12	<u>\$</u>	162.40	\$	165.28
Total Cost/Day	\$ 314.78	\$	283.48	\$	299.21

We learned in a site visit that San Angelo is one of several facilities who are trying to cut costs through economies of scale. Rather than providing all services at every location, certain state schools are taking on functions for a group of schools. For example, San Angelo's accounting and laundry are being done by Abilene.

### Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

**Chart 3-52** 

		US Census
	Contiguous	2000
Facility	Counties	Population
San Angelo State School	Coke	3,864
San Angelo State School	Concho	3,966
San Angelo State School	Irion	1,771
San Angelo State School	Menard	2,360
San Angelo State School	Runnels	11,495
San Angelo State School	Schleicher	2,935
San Angelo State School	Sterling	1,393
San Angelo State School	Tom Green	104,010
	Total	131,794

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

Chart 3-53

	Chart 5-55	
		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
	1	Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
San Angelo State School	Coke	2.5
San Angelo State School	Concho	2.3
San Angelo State School	Irion	4.0
San Angelo State School	Menard	6.4
San Angelo State School	Runnels	3.6
San Angelo State School	Schleicher	1.8
San Angelo State School	Sterling	2.9
San Angelo State School	Tom Green	<u>3.3</u>
	Weighted Ave.	3.3

Based on information from the 2002 San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, San Angelo State School is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest employer in the community.

## Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at San Angelo declined by 4% between FY 03 and FY 01.

 Avg. Daily Census
 FY01
 FY02
 FY03

 San Angelo
 294
 282
 284

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of San Angelo's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

Chart 3-55

		US Census		US Census		US Census
		2000		2000		2000
Facility	County	Population	County	Population	County	Population
San Angelo State School	Andrews	13,004	Glasscock	1,406	Reagan	3,326
San Angelo State School	Borden	729	Howard	33,627	Reeves	13,137
San Angelo State School	Brewster	8,866	Hudspeth	3,344	Runnels	11,495
San Angelo State School	Coke	3,864	Irion	1,771	Scurry	16,361
San Angelo State School	Concho	3,966	Jeff Davis	2,207	Sterling	1,393
San Angelo State School	Crane	3,996	Kent	859	Terry	12,761
San Angelo State School	Crockett	4,099	Loving	67	Terrell	1,081
San Angelo State School	Culberson	2,975	Martin	4,746	Tom Green	104,010
San Angelo State School	Dawson	14,985	Midland	116,009	Upton	3,404
San Angelo State School	Ector	121,123	Mitchell	9,698	Ward	10,909
San Angelo State School	Fisher	4,344	Nolan	15,802	Winkler	7,173
San Angelo State School	Gaines	14,467	Pecos	16,809	Yoakum	7,322
San Angelo State School	Garza	4,872	Presidio	7,304		
	Subtotal	201,290	Subtotal	213,649	Subtotal	192,372
		·			Grand Total	607,311

Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

San Angelo State School has an average number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer. All of those beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

#### Identification of specialty programs and services

San Angelo State School admits clients from the criminal justice system. In particular, it provides treatment to developmentally disabled sexual offenders.

PCG and HHSC made a site visit to San Angelo and learned that San Angelo also has several programs set up with a local university in which is provides occupational training for nurses, occupational and physical therapists and psychologists.

#### 3-12 San Antonio State School

Location:

Superintendent:

6711 South New Braunfels Avenue

Ric Savage

San Antonio, TX 78223

Facility History:

Service Area:

Built in 1951

10 counties

Opened as a state school in 1978

43 acres

TO Counties

FY 04 Funded Beds:

296 beds

Enrollment as of 5/28/04 299 residents

### Proximity to other facilities and geographical distribution of remaining facilities

The average one-way distance from San Antonio State School to the two closest facilities is 110 miles and 111 minutes, which is less than the mean for state schools. Those two facilities, Austin and Corpus Christi, have 70 available vacant beds. Assuming that 15% of the residents at San Antonio could be transferred to the community and 70 residents could move to either Austin or Corpus Christi, 184 residents would need to be transferred to other state schools. Assuming the residents would move to the next closest schools, average travel distances would increase by 135 miles.

#### **Condition of existing facility structures**

Opened in 1951, San Antonio is about the average age of a state school. According to MHMR, it has 48 buildings, all of which are in use by either people or storage. While San Antonio does not have the best facility condition index, the other measures indicate that it is in fairly good condition, presenting some barriers to closure.

# <u>Marketability of the property where the facility is located when considering possible sale of the property or alternate use possibilities</u>

According to the General Land Office Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the market value of San Antonio State School's 43 acres is about \$240,000. The property is owned by San Antonio State Hospital.

#### Administrative cost of the facility

The chart below details exactly how PCG calculated total and administrative costs from the FY 02 and FY 03 Medicaid cost reports. These values were weighted based on patient days to determine an average for the two years.

**Chart 3-56** 

San Antonio State School Cost Analysis

	FY 2003	FY 2002	Wei	ghted Average
Expenses	Amount	Amount		Amount
Resident Care Staff	\$ 10,770,608	\$ 10,596,589	\$	10,683,798
Other Routine Daily Services	340,765	584,270		462,238
Training	-	_		-
Social Services	90,955	85,192		88,080
Activity Services	268,027	252,326		260,195
Therapy Services	285,942	328,252		307,048
Other Resident Care Services	99,046	126,983		112,982
Laundry, Linen, and Housekeeping	 461,630	 504,574		483,053
Subtotal Residential Care	\$ 12,316,973	\$ 12,478,186	\$	12,397,394
Day Program Costs	654,778	692,681		673,686
Medical Expenses				
Classified Salaries	\$ 1,099,442	\$ 1,327,682	\$	1,213,300
FICA Contributions	47,697	51,201		49,445
Employee Benefits	144,922	103,618		124,317
Other	2,123,808	 1,964,597		2,044,385
Subtotal Medical	\$ 3,415,870	\$ 3,447,098	\$	3,431,448
Subtotal Routine Costs	\$ 16,387,621	\$ 16,617,965	\$	16,502,528
Administration	1,705,720	1,753,715		1,729,662
Overhead Costs				
Miscellanous Overhead	\$ 2,436,748	\$ 1,255,213	\$	1,847,338
Dietary	1,201,999	1,228,588		1,215,263
Facility Costs	424,377	1,785,008		1,103,130
Payroll Taxes	1,018,415	1,023,566		1,020,985
Employee Benefits	3,062,498	2,730,405		2,896,833
Workers Compensation	 641,076	 		321,274
<b>Subtotal Overhead Costs</b>	\$ 8,785,113	\$ 8,022,780	\$	8,404,822
Total Expenses	\$ 26,878,454	\$ 26,394,460	\$	26,637,012
Total Patient Days as Reported	106,904	106,414		106,659
Administration Cost/Day	\$ 15.96	\$ 16.48	\$	16.22
Overhead Cost/Day	\$ 82.18	\$ 75.39	\$	78.80
Routine Cost/Day	\$ 153.29	\$ 156.16	\$	154.72
Total Cost/Day	\$ 251.43	\$ 248.04	\$	249.74

## Availability of other employment opportunities in the area for employees displaced by a closure

PCG believes that employees who might be displaced by a closure probably live either in the county of the state school or a contiguous county. We used population totals from these counties to calculate several of the statistics for this criterion.

**Chart 3-57** 

		US Census
	Contiguous	2000
Facility	Counties	Population
San Antonio State School	Atascosa	38,628
San Antonio State School	Bandera	17,645
San Antonio State School	Bexar	1,392,931
San Antonio State School	Comal	78,021
San Antonio State School	Guadalupe	89,023
San Antonio State School	Kendall	23,743
San Antonio State School	Medina	39,304
San Antonio State School	Wilson	32,408
	Total	1,711,703

Unemployment rates were weighted based on population and then averaged for the county in which the state school is located and contiguous counties.

**Chart 3-58** 

		Jan-May 2004 Ave.
		Unemployment
		Rate TX
		Workforce
Facility	County	Commission
San Antonio State School	Atascosa	5.5
San Antonio State School	Bandera	3.7
San Antonio State School	Bexar	5.2
San Antonio State School	Comal	4.5
San Antonio State School	Guadalupe	3.6
San Antonio State School	Kendall	2.8
San Antonio State School	Medina	5.4
San Antonio State School	Wilson	<u>3.5</u>
	Weighted Ave.	5.0

Based on information from the 2003 San Antonio Economic Development Foundation, San Antonio is the 39<sup>th</sup> largest employer in the community.

## Ease of client transfer capability

The average daily census at San Antonio remained about the same between FY 03 and FY 01.

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Avg. Daily Census	FY01	FY02	FY03	
San Antonio	290	289	290	

PCG used the US Census 2000 population figures of San Antonio's service delivery area (shown below) to compute the average daily census per 100,000 population.

	Ch	art 3-60		
		US Census		US Census
		2000		2000
Facility	County	Population	County	<u>Population</u>
San Antonio State School	Atascosa	38,628	La Salle	5,866
San Antonio State School	Bexar	1,392,931	Maverick	47,297
San Antonio State School	Dimmit	10,248	McMullen	851
San Antonio State School	Frio	16,252	Wilson	32,408
San Antonio State School	Karnes	15,446	Zavala	11,600
	Subtotal	1,473,505	Subtotal	98,022
			Grand Total	1,571,527

# Capacity at remaining facilities to accommodate persons transferred from a facility identified for closure

San Antonio State School has a small number of vacant beds that could be available given a transfer; however, all of those beds could be made immediately available given funding for the increase in staff.

### Identification of specialty programs and services

San Antonio State School does not admit clients from the criminal justice system.

## State School Public Meetings

Between October 27, 2004 and November 23, 2004, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) held nine (9) public meetings to gather information about the feasibility of closing and/or consolidating state schools in Texas. Based on sign-up sheets from the meetings, approximately 1,600 people attended the meetings and nearly 550 people gave oral testimony. The areas in which the meetings took place are listed below.

- Houston
- San Antonio
- Austin
- San Angelo
- Lubbock
- Dallas
- El Paso
- Harlingen
- Lufkin

In each meeting, HHSC and PCG presented a presentation describing Rider 55 and the feasibility study. PCG then presented the findings from its baseline analysis and then opened the floor for comments. Public officials were allowed to speak first and did not have any timeline imposed. General stakeholders were called for oral testimony in the order in which their names appeared on the sign-in sheet and were allowed between 2-3 minutes for comments (time limits were imposed based on the number of meeting attendants). Stakeholders were asked to keep their comments limited in scope to the recommendations or objectives of the criteria for the feasibility study and the baseline analysis findings. Stakeholders were encouraged to submit written testimony as well. All input was reviewed to produce this document.

The information below summarizes the suggestions and input provided at the public hearings and in written testimony. While this document does not include each submission heard, it incorporates those comments that were presented frequently to PCG and HHSC. The document provides a brief description of each of the above comments, organized based on the criteria provided by the Texas Legislature.

#### Geographic Proximity

- > Travel distance. The importance of considering travel distance in the feasibility study was mentioned many times. Family members often visit on a regular basis and they believe that if their loved ones were transferred other state schools, they would not be able to continue to visit on a regular basis. These family members believe the visits are beneficial to themselves and to the facility residents. Some stakeholders also believe that since the average enrollment in state schools is 407 and the average number of available vacant beds at state schools is 40, the average travel distance included in the feasibility study should be the average to the ten closest facilities. These stakeholders would also like to see the average and median travel distances as well as estimates for travel costs for friends and family members.
- > Border cities. Several of the facilities are located in border cities. Several stakeholders asked that the unique circumstances associated with facilities located on the border of Texas be considered.

- > Proximity to medical centers. It was pointed out that some state schools are located in close proximity to medical centers that enable the schools to treat individuals who have significant medical issues in addition to developmental disabilities.
- > Furlough days. It was indicated that residents of state schools receive a set number of furlough days. Stakeholders pointed out that furlough days currently spent on vacation would be spent on travel if residents were transferred to facilities farther away from their home.

#### Cost

- > Cost of providing services in the community. In every meeting, stakeholders indicated that the cost of providing services to people with developmentally disabilities in the community should be compared to the cost of providing comparable services in state schools.
- > State funding for persons with developmentally disabilities. Stakeholders in every meeting noted that Texas ranks near the bottom on per capita spending for people with developmentally disabilities and suggested comparing funding for developmental disabilities in Texas to other states in the feasibility study.
- > Money following the person. Many stakeholders expressed concern that savings from a consolidation or closure would be applied to the State's General Fund rather than financing additional services for individuals with developmentally disabilities. Several suggested applying the strategy of "Money Follows the Person", a system of flexible funding for long-term services that enables available funds to move with the individual between institutional and community settings.
- > Employee salaries. Stakeholders indicated that employees in state schools get paid more than comparable employees in the community, which results in more consistency of employees and, in some cases, more experienced or higher credentialed staff.
- > Contract work for residents. Several outside firms have agreements with state schools in which residents are employed in production work at the facilities. Closure or consolidation may have an impact on these contracts.
- > Centralization of administrative duties. Stakeholders suggested reviewing the possibility of consolidating administrative tasks among state schools and other state institutions as a means to reduce costs.
- > Texas population. Stakeholders asked to have the increase in the Texas population in the past five years and the anticipated increase in population in the near future considered in estimating costs and population statistics in the report. It was recommended to report population statistics for adults and children separately.
- > Cost of living. Certain stakeholders asked to have the cost of living included in the feasibility study. Several state schools are located in areas with low costs of living. As a result, these stakeholders believe that the schools would be good candidates for accepting additional residents in a consolidation.

- > Economic impact. In several meetings, examples were provided of how closure of a facility would have an economic impact beyond school employees. Facilities often have contracts with local companies to provide needed services. Employees spend their money in the community as do the people who receive services from the facilities and their visitors. It is estimated that approximately 75% of each school's operating budget is spent in the local area.
- > Local economic development groups. In a couple meetings, representatives from local economic development groups pledged potential financial support toward the retention and expansion of the state school in their area. These local development groups feel the state schools provide valuable and necessary services for residents, are valued employers and contribute significantly to the local economy.
- > Savings. Several stakeholder groups indicated that they would like the report to include an estimate of savings as a criterion for closure and consolidation.
- > Closure/consolidation costs. Stakeholders suggested including the cost of incentive pay for employees to maintain services for current residents from the time a closure is announced and the cost of moving residents and equipment to the feasibility study.

### **Employment**

- Unemployment expense. Stakeholders proposed including the cost of providing unemployment compensation to employees displaced by a closure or consolidation in the feasibility study. In addition, payouts of vacation and sick leave balances or retirement cost s (for eligible employees) should be considered as cost to closure or consolidation.
- > Staff turnover. Stakeholders asked to have staff turnover statistics included in the feasibility study for closure and/or consolidation.
- Length of employment. Several stakeholders recommended including the average length of staff employment in the feasibility report. Some state schools have staff who have been employed for long periods of time and are able to provide special care to residents because of their long-term relationships.

#### **Facility**

- > Expanding schools. Several stakeholders expressed interest in expanding state schools in their area to accept additional residents from a consolidation. These stakeholders wanted to include ease of expansion in the feasibility study.
- > Cost to maintain facilities. Stakeholders asked to have the cost required to maintain the state school facilities highlighted in the report. These stakeholders believe that state school maintenance costs are higher than maintenance costs for community-based settings.

### Marketability

Deed restrictions. Stakeholders asked to have deed restrictions for state school facilities checked. It is believed that property sales would be prohibited under the deed restrictions for several facilities.

#### **Client Impact**

- > Age. In every public meeting, stakeholders emphasized that the average age of both the residents and the parents of the residents is rising. As the residents age, many face increasing medical issues. In addition, many of the parents of residents are elderly and have mobility restrictions. The combined effect limits the potential for parents to have residents live or even visit their homes. Parental aging also diminishes the ability to tolerate travel to the facilities.
- > Relocation. Stakeholders noted that many residents of state schools have difficulty adjusting to new surroundings. These individuals experience crises with small structure changes, such as a move to a new dorm, and could suffer setbacks or, as it is commonly referred to, placement trauma if transferred to an unfamiliar setting.
- > Guardianship. Guardianship is a legal process utilized when a person can no longer make or communicate safe or sound decisions about his/her person and/or property or has become susceptible to fraud or undue influence. Some of these individuals have family members who are willing and suitable to be appointed by courts to be guardians to make decisions for these individuals. Many incapacitated individuals do not have family members who are willing or suitable to be appointed as guardians. In order to solve this problem, many communities have established guardianship and money management programs to provide either paid staff or volunteers to be appointed as guardians or to provide money management services. These guardianship programs may be at risk if individuals are moved to state schools in other parts of Texas.
- > Community options. Stakeholders asked to have the availability of community services included as part of the feasibility study. In general, stakeholders feel that there is a dearth of available community options and that it would be impossible to close a state school (assuming some residents would transfer to the community) with the existing community infrastructure.
- Demand for services. Stakeholders requested an analysis of demand for services for the developmentally disabled. In particular, stakeholders wanted to compare the change in demand in recent year for institutional services with the change in demand for community services. It was recommended to report demand for adults and children separately, to the extent possible.
- Service levels in community. Some stakeholders expressed concern about the consistency of service provided in the community. Many individuals who attended the public meetings had experience with both the state school and community systems and found that the care provided by the state schools was more consistent and better able to meet the medical needs of some of the residents.

- > Safety. Stakeholders communicated concern for the safety of individuals with developmental disabilities in the community. They believe that some individuals with developmental disabilities may not be able to make sound decisions on their own and could place themselves in danger in the community. As a result, they believe that state schools provide safer surroundings.
- > Vocational opportunities. Stakeholders identified vocational opportunities in the community for individuals with developmental disabilities as an additional measure they would like included in the feasibility study.
- > Stakeholder interviews. Several stakeholders suggested adding a satisfaction survey to the feasibility study. These stakeholders proposed interviewing employees, parents and individuals with developmental disabilities regarding their experiences with state schools and community services.
- Facility visits. In nearly all the public meetings, advocates asked the panel to visit the state schools as part of the feasibility study to meet the individuals who live there and see their level of need.
- Disgruntled employees. Several stakeholders mentioned that the state should be mindful of the possibility of disgruntled employees should a closure or consolidation be announced. This situation might result in decreased standards of care for consumers during a closure or consolidation.
- Waiting list. At each meeting, stakeholders asked the panel to review the waiting lists for state institutions and community services when determining the feasibility of closure or consolidation.
- > Length of stay in state schools. Stakeholders highlighted the long lengths of stay many individuals have had in the state schools and the fact that these individuals often consider the state school to be their home. They believe a transfer to the community or another facility would emotionally debilitating.
- > Hospitals/infirmaries. Stakeholders indicated that the clinicians employed in the hospitals/infirmaries of the state schools provide specialized services to the residents that would not be provided by a clinician unfamiliar with residents and their unique health needs.
- > Wording of baseline analysis. A couple stakeholders suggested changing the word "Census" to "Clients" or "Residents" in the baseline analysis.
- > Best practices. Stakeholders would like current "best practice" information regarding treatment for individuals with developmental disabilities to be included as part of the report.

### **Specialty Programs and Services**

- > Dual-diagnosis capabilities. A couple of the state schools provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness. Several stakeholders asked to have dual-diagnosis capabilities included in the list of specialty programs and services.
- > Dental services. Some state schools provide dental services to facility residents and to individuals with developmental disabilities who live in the community. It was indicated that the community would lose these services in the event of a closure.
- > Occupational training. Several state schools provide occupational training to local college and post graduate college students. The internship programs at state schools are a valuable experience and often a degree requirement. These stakeholders asked to have the occupational training offered at the state schools included in the list of specialty programs and services.
- > Volunteer organizations. Representatives from state schools volunteer organizations attended several of the public meetings. These volunteers provide many important services and, in some cases, raise large amounts of money for the facilities. These stakeholders asked to have the efforts of volunteer guilds included in the list of specialty programs and services as it relates to in-kind and real dollar value to the facilities.
- > Culture/language. Several state schools are located in areas with large Hispanic populations. These schools offer language options and cultural sensitivity not available in areas without the large ethnic influence. Stakeholders asked to have this included in the list of specialty programs and services.
- > Transferring specialty programs. Some stakeholders suggested transferring specialty programs from institutions into the community as a means by which to increase community options, save jobs and continue to provide the specialty programs.
- > Opening up specialty programs. Stakeholders recommended offering specialized program available in the state schools to individuals with developmental disabilities in the community as a means to increase revenue and provide needed community programs.
- > Multi-use facilities. Stakeholders proposed making state hospitals and state schools multi-use facilities. This would allow increased community options and maintain flexible space for individuals needing higher levels of care. Facilities could be used as regional human services campuses or be utilized as special health care centers for people with developmental disabilities living in the community.