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Sunset Advisory Commission
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Dear Commission Members:

As a member of the HHSC Advisory Council, I voted to endorse the Sunset Commission's Recommendations for HHSC. However, I also wish to submit my personal comments. Having served on legacy MHMR Board and DADS Council, I believe HHSC not only needs a transition plan but also, a transition department whose sole purpose is to over see and facilitate all changes including a "cultural change" within the entire enterprise. There exists a "We" (DSHS, DADS, DFPF, DARS) and a "They" (HHSC). The Executive Commissioner's attention must be focused externally on the people we serve and the delivery of the services. The transition department must be focused on the internal operations and environment.

The Governor's Office, Legislative Budget Board and the Legislature must be committed to this plan as well. While some consolidation will result in cost savings, it will not be enough to create the much needed IT and data management systems which are crucial to future CCMS, SAMSHA, and other funding as well as to applicable services for our most vulnerable citizens.

Regarding the advisory council, I believe it is logical and a good business practice for HHSC to have a link to the outside public and their expertise. If the governance board were still in place, would the recommendations from HB2292 be further along or possibly accomplished? Secondly, stakeholders need a venue to which to bring their concerns other than staff.

My congratulations to the Sunset Commission and staff for an excellent report. I look forward to a bright future for the HHSC enterprise.

Sincerely,

Sharon Butterworth

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Please see a copy of the letter which was mailed earlier this week.

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