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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or  
Opposed:

We at Camp Chaparral DISAPPROVE of the proposal to disband the Texas Youth Camp Advisory Committee.

Here are the main reasons why:

- \*The Youth Camp Advisory Committee should not be abolished in statute as it is the working link between DSHS and the youth camps to vet health and safety issues for the Texas youth camp industry.
- \*The Youth Camp Advisory Committee has taken on the additional responsibility for the youth protection rules that were originally given to the Youth Camp Training Advisory Committee.
- \*Texas Youth Camps are diverse including day camps, overnight camps, private, religious, scout and Y camps, some as few as 5 days and others as long as 3 months. All must be a considered when writing rules.
- \*If the committee is not statutory, the posting of meetings may not occur, and those representing the different camp types may not have access to participation.
- \*If the committee is not statutory, meetings may or may not occur, according to the desires of DSHS.
- \*If the committee is not statutory, elected offices may not exist and the leadership that informs youth camp of issues may be lost. Rule writing for this industry is tedious and involves land, water, campers, counselors, facilities, food preparation, nursing, and activities. It is a time-consuming process.

\*The YCAC provides feedback on the inspection process and tools used, sometimes discovering issues that need attention.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please keep the Texas Youth Camp Advisory Committee in place. It is a valuable resource for our camps and for the safety of our campers.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree