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Agency: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION HHSC

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: As a family member of a child with neurological and behavioral as well as significant health challenges, I oppose Issue 13 of the Sunset Commission staff report on recommendation for HHSC. This recommendation ignores the importance of the significant needs of Texas children struggling with special needs and behavioral needs. To group the committees focusing on special needs (Task Force for Children w/special needs) and the Texas System of Care Consortium into one committee, would diminish the work that these groups do to support and focus on these issues. I am a former employee with DFPS. I know first hand how much work is pressed on caseworkers and intake workers. There is not enough information as to the issues that these children and their families face. In order to have the needs of these special groups of children, not get lost through the bureaucratic process, these focused committees work is essential.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please maintain the Consortium and the Task Force at very least. These are underserved communities. With services for these communities being often at the minimum to maintain their ability to function in the community, it seems to me, that it behooves the Sunset Commission to support these groups by supporting the existence of these agencies that can focus on their needs and services. Thank you for the opportunity to address this concern. Sincerely, Amy Connor

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree