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

Texas National Service Commission (OneStar Foundation) requests that the Interagency Coordinating Group (H.B.492 81R) chaired by OneStar (H.B.1965 82R) not be included among those "advisory committees" slated for elimination. The Interagency Coordinating Group does not have a sunset provision and does not serve to advise the Executive Commissioner of HHSC.

The charge to this group of 24 state agencies is to: 1) develop and implement a plan for improving contracting relationships between state agencies and faith- and community-based organizations; 2) develop best practices for cooperating and collaborating with faith- and community-based organizations; 3) identify and address duplication of provided services by the state and faith- and community-based organizations; and 4) identify and address gaps in state services that faith- and community-based organizations could fill.

There is no other entity focused on finding efficiencies and effective practices across state agencies and between government and the nonprofit sector.

We also respectfully request that the Sunset Commission not include the Texas Nonprofit Council (SB 993 83R) in the list of advisory committees to be eliminated. The Nonprofit Council does not advise the Executive Commissioner of HHSC, its charge is to advise the work of the Interagency Coordinating Group.

Neither the Texas Nonprofit Council nor the Interagency Coordinating Group receive funding from HHSC or any other state entity.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not eliminate the Interagency Coordinating Group or the Texas Nonprofit Council.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree