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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I am to OPPOSED ISSUE 13 and surprised that the state of Texas is once again looking to combine varied groups of persons with disabilities when there are such unique and specific needs and without an interview. I have been involved with children's mental health in Texas before the state ever realized that adult services were not appropriate, not family friendly and certainly not safe for children, youth and families in Texas. Texas services were at our best when we had a fully supportive legislature that understood the value of Integrated services delivery systems through the Texas Integrated Funding Initiative in 2003. The Texas Federation of Families is a federally funded SAMHSA statewide family network that has been working since 1993 to bring the core values of system of care to Texas. Texas currently has received a SAMHSA System of Care Expansion Grant that is doing what is required. Coordinating with all child serving agencies including youth and families. The values are federally mandated and thus must remain intact which is not a requirement for the other planning and/or advisory groups. My personal experience with the Childrens Policy Council and others have little to no experience of raising a child with mental illness and are most certainly not overly supportive of this population of children and youth.

They often have difficulty understanding the continued stigma of being a bad kid instead of a child with different wiring . Please do not implement Issue

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

meet with the Texas System of Care Leadership and contact Dr Gary Blau, Chief of the Child and Adolescent Branch at SAMHSA,

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

