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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose issue 13. Texas needs robust and diverse family and stakeholder input. The decline in our public systems has paralleled decreasing stakeholder oversight. We don't need to continue our descent.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: We need to strengthen meaningful family and consumer input into public systems in Texas. I would like to see regional training centers that feature strong partnerships with informed family and consumer professionals such as the Texas Federation of Families, Prosumers, the old Texas Mental Health Consumers, Soberhood and others, working alongside university partners, and state agency staff - focused on strengthening our capacity to provide effective supports at the community level. We need to sustain efforts pushing for systems of care and wraparound for children and youth with mental health needs, and renew support for peer run services for adults with mental illness.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree