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I think it would be a shame if the Commission voted to do away with NorthStar, when it is so very successful in getting a lot of people served. It does not do as good a job at getting them served at the level they may need, but at least they get medication and some hopeful conversation. If funding were better, they would get even more.

At our clinic, about half of our clients are on SSI and Medicaid, and they do really well as long as they have medication and some level of supportive services. But they do not function near as well when they can not access the supportive services to help make decisions and access resources they also need. Please give open consideration to letting NorthStar continue and to implementing this model in other parts of the state where a lot of people go unserved. I appreciate your doing so.

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