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

Patient care is our biggest concern. Direct care workers are grossly underpaid, turnover is high, supervisors are poorly paid. How can we expect patients to receive good care? Where is the failure?  
Closing the center(s) will not create even equal care to what they receive now.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The Commission should be looking at the problem from the standpoint of patient care, and what makes it better. Just like doctors who look for increased wellness instead of focusing on disease.

It appears the Commission is looking at costs only, not care of human beings.

Leadership/administration/camera monitoring/terminations of staff are NOT the answer. The Commission should recommend that the Legislature properly fund direct care staff, now. That is the only way our brothers and sisters will get quality care. Abuse/neglect will automatically go down.

The heavy handed approach taken so far is obviously not working. Why not?

Do you drive a car off the cliff if it doesn't run?

Where is the moral duty here?

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree