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State: Texas

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

I have been teaching the Repeat Offender DWI program since 1995. I have worked in the fields of prevention as well as with those who abuse illegal substance during all these years. I know human nature. Some agencies are professional and caring with clients and there are those who are in it for the money. With the regulations we have, I have never seen anyone from DSHS or TCADA(in past) audit any programs. This does not mean there are no problems. They just do not bother. Does not mean there are no violations.

If you take away regulation, it will open the door for all sort of programs.

Programs may or may not follow university programs. I have been offered bribes by clients. I could just sell the certificates. I cannot do that. I get to know these offenders and I care about the danger they present when driving while drunk. My own daughter and son-in-law were hit last summer by a drunk driver going 85 on an Irving side street. Only by the Grace of God are they alive. The firemen had the body bags out and were shocked to see them alive. My daughter's right arm will never be the same. This happened as I was on my way to teach a class.

This can happen to you or people you love. There is not a week that goes by in Dallas area without a drunk driving accident. There are things worse than dying. Ask Jaqueline Saburido. Also the pain and guilt suffered by the offender when they have killed. I had a 60 year old man who killed 3 people.

He took my class after he was released from prison. Not only guilt was hurting him, he was living with his 80 year old parents. Lost everything.

This is REAL.

Please do not take away the present regulations. Human nature is what it is.
Trainings will be insufficient or none at all. I will get worse.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Strengthen the program. We pay for the licensing and trainings. These are not grant programs.

Enforce auditing by those at DSHS who are in charge. All of the grant funded programs go through tough annual audits. Knowing these are going to happen will make cheating less of an incentive.

I have talked to law enforcement who told me they hate stopping a drunk because of paper work. Make it easier for them.

Instead of the 12 hour program for first offenders, make them go to the one designed for repeat offenders. 30 hour of education will make those who are not alcoholic think more about the consequences as well as the process leading to addiction.

And always remember this can happen to someone you love.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree