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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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

I stand opposed to Recommendation 3.2. Too many times we have people fall in into the proverbial cracks. We need the best trained professionals we can get. That doesn't always mean formal training. As a matter of fact, I've seen more issues raised dealing with a formally trained staffer rather than a well trained staffer. These incidents of gun violence across our nation can be linked to a mental health issue. Now is most certainly NOT the time to play with the system and take away certain oversight.

A ridiculous recommendation, mind you, that would most likely end up costing Texas in law suits for incompetence directly related to this recommendation 3.2.

Thank you for your time,

K.C. Ford

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Clear cut guidelines should be established as well as prompt and thorough peer/staff review of counselors. Any type and particularly any who have a complaint filed upon them.

How often is not an issue for me to address.

There cannot be a demand for such degrees as we would lose very valuable staff that know more, at times, than a freshly minted Masters or Phd. They've been there, and have the practical experience that cannot be measured.

Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater. This sentiment remains as it is true.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree