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

First Name: John

Last Name: Kliewer

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with: The San Antonio Clubhouse

City: San Antonio

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I strongly support the funding of community based services not currently getting state support.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The San Antonio Clubhouse is a non-profit organization that has been helping adults with mental illness in San Antonio recover, rebuild productive, healthy lives, and participate fully in the community. We are an accredited Clubhouse, and this model is recognized as an evidence based practice. We serve 40-50 people daily and our cost per member per day is about \$30. Our members report a reduction in hospitalizations and significant improvements in quality of life. While we offer no treatment or therapy, our members find healing through developing meaningful relationships and participating in purposeful work.

The Clubhouse Model has a record of success stretching back to the 1940's in New York City; it helped define the meaning of "recovery-oriented" decades before the term came into popular usage.

Texas has only 4 Clubhouses. Help fund the establishment of accredited Clubhouses across our state and provide the opportunity for healing for thousands of people richly deserving full lives.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree