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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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City: San Antonio

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Please see below for supportive comments from a new San Antonio Clubhouse Member.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The San Antonio Clubhouse is a refreshing alternative to traditionally available mental health services in the Bexar County. As a new member (now well into my first few weeks at the Clubhouse), I was welcomed cheerfully and enthusiastically and given a tour of the inviting, well-lit, and comfortable accommodations. I especially enjoyed the Wellness Area, which includes exercise equipment and space for pilates/yoga, and the open layout of the Business Center and cafeteria/kitchen areas.

The ample resources for employment, education, and housing assistance are very encouraging; the Resource Center provides information for the entire range of mental health and social services available in the San Antonio Area.

The members of the San Antonio Clubhouse are given daily opportunities to engage in productive, useful, and structured work in a tolerant, caring, and understanding environment.

The San Antonio Clubhouse provides volunteer work opportunities that are limited only by breadth of imagination and inspiration. Specifically, I was tasked with removing an area of mulch under two large oak trees to promote grass regrowth; an offhand remark about a landscaped mural of the Clubhouse logo has now evolved into a formal grant proposal for a 16-foot diameter tiled mosaic complete with solar accent lighting and concrete benches.

The San Antonio Clubhouse is an important part of my daily routine; it provides me with purposeful motivation and is building my desire to return to the workforce. I was blessed to have been invited to join the Clubhouse as a lifelong member and I look forward to pursuing any and all opportunities that come my way as a result of my association with this wonderful group of people.

Thank you,
Tobin Martin

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree