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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Mark

Last Name: O'Neal

Title: Owner

Organization you are affiliated with: Red Bird Education Programs

City: Dallas

State: Texas

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

Upon completion of a DWI course one weekend over 10 years ago a women came to me after class and asked if I would see her 14 year old daughter who was abusing substances. It's a long story, but after many difficult years I was proud to attend her 2 year sobriety celebration at the 24 hour Club here in Dallas several months ago. These courses have a huge impact on many individuals, not just the one's attending. I am not so opposed to allowing other individuals with the proper credentials to facilitate these programs as I am of the fear of allowing these programs to be completed online. It took decades for TCADA to get these programs in place and it would be a shame to see them damaged in any way. Please don't deregulate the Offender Education Programs.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I am sure money is a concern in the regulation of these programs. I would be willing to pay a much higher fee for certification and the price of the certificates of completion could be raised. We do quite a bit of self regulation.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree