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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: From my reading of the report I gather that it is calling for more mentalhealthification of Addictive Disease. Since the consolodation of Substance Abuse Services into Mental Health the state has lost 220 Funded Substance Abuse Providers and only 56 Mental Health providers. These are two separate and primary maladies. The numbers above seem to reflect the neglect of those with addictive disease in favor of treating those with mental disorders.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

My recommendation is to un-consolodate and restore a "single state authority" dedicated to understanding addictive disease and the treatment thereof to oversee, license and fund Chemical Dependency Treatment.

Failing to do so, please consider the critical need to treat addiction as the primary (even if co-occurring with mental disorder) disease that it is

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree