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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:

Clubhouses are needed in Texas! We are an evidence-based practice and are helping people with serious mental illness to become happier, healthier, more productive citizens. Our clients (members) are not only staying out of the hospital and jail, they are re-connecting with family and friends, learning skills to live more independently, and gaining employment, some for the first time.

We focus on what is right with a person, not what is wrong. Recovery is more than just staying on meds and out of the hospital. It's about continuing to grow, to take risks, to succeed. I am the founding director of the Clubhouse and I have seen many miracles in the last 11 years. When people are unconditionally loved and accepted, when they have purpose, they thrive.

That's what happens at the Clubhouse.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I strongly encourage support for Texas Clubhouses

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree