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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Opposed to item #3 - down sizing of DSHS. I feel that mental health services should not be integrated with public health. I feel that mental health services should be it's own section or division of DSHS much like it was when TDMHMR was in operation. I also don't feel that the privatization of the state mental health facilities is a viable option. The focus would shift to profitability as opposed to the care of the individuals being served.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: If the practice of creating requests for proposal for the privatization of state mental hospitals is allowed to continue, HHSC must be transparent when issuing the RFP. The local communities of the proposed facility, all stakeholders and local officials should be made aware of the RFP prior to it being posted. If the goal of an RFP is to create a financial gain for DSHS, then DSHS should not supply the awarded recipient with operating funds. Doing so negates the intention of saving money by reducing salary and operating costs.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree