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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Nathan

Last Name: Tuttle

Title: Staff Generalist/Communications Specialist

Organization you are affiliated with: San Antonio Clubhouse

City: San Antonio

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I support the San Antonio Clubhouse.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I strongly support the San Antonio Clubhouse! At the San Antonio Clubhouse, members are not defined by mental illness, but by who they are as people. In most other institutional and clinical settings, Clubhouse members have had to wear their diagnoses as a name tag. I have only been a staff member for about two months, but already I have seen tremendous growth and healing take place here. I remember giving a tour to one member who barely spoke or made eye contact. Through meaningful relationships and work, that member has become a leader at the Clubhouse. They are now ready to re-enter the workforce and live independently. I firmly believe that there need to be more than just 4 clubhouses in the state of Texas -- mental illness touches everybody in some way or another.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree