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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2016 1:54 AM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

First Name: Rashmi

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Title: Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) student

Organization you are affiliated with: N/A

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City: Galveston

State: Texas

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

My name is Rashmi Anandampillai and I am a 2nd year physical therapy student in Galveston, TX.

I personally support the Sunset Commission's recommendations that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE) join the national Licensure Compact. According to the Texas State Health Plan, Texas' ratios of physical therapists (PT) has consistently lagged behind the U.S average and in 2009, 49 counties did not have a PT. This Licensure Compact would allow for reciprocity of licensure across state lines and facilitate the ability of licensees in a compact member state to practice in Texas more easily, without having to jump through state based licensure impediments to obtain a Texas license. In the interest of patients, students and physical therapy professionals, I support this recommendation as it will allow us, as a profession, to be better represented and therefore better equipped to serve patients in need.

I OPPOSE the recommendation to strip the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) away from the TPTA and TBPTE. I also oppose the recommendation to remove the TBPTE's authority to delegate continuing competence entities in the future. CCAP is a collaborative program between TBPTE and TPTA. This program utilizes 109 doctoral trained physical therapy professionals in 22 specialty areas to review and evaluate each course to ensure that the competency courses meet Board-designated standards. By doing so, CCAP protects the public by ensuring that licensees' knowledge and clinical skills are kept current with professional standards. TBPTE chose to collaborate with TPTA because of its ability to provide licensees with relevant, best-practice information and clinical skill updates in a cost effective manner. As a future PT, I firmly believe that the quality of care I provide for my patients will depend heavily on my having access to continuing education courses that teach skills that are current and evidence based. I sincerely hope to have access to these courses so I may strive for excellence in my professional practice.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: N/A

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree