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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Mary

Last Name: Becerril

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

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City: Grand Prairie

State: Texas

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

I have grave concerns about transferring administration of the mental health divisions to oversight to people who have no real ideal of how the profession effectively operates. I disagree that the LPC Board does not work effectively. I realize that they are no longer efficient. I believe the problem is lack of properly trained staff. The licenses of the 3 boards brings in about 3 million dollars a per year. They are given about 1 million with which to conduct business. The state is harming the public by keeping the remaining 2 million. Something changed around 2014 and whatever those changes were resulted in the LPC Board becoming less efficient.

I am an LPC-Supervisor and I have no problem with the supervision requirements. I believe the increase in standards has led to better supervision practices which should lead to better prepared licensed counselors. I am also a counseling educator.

I have no problem with the increase in academic standards. This increase in August of 2017 will result in greater portability of Texas LPC's.

I am most concerned about complaints being processed by lay people who have no real understanding of the licensure process or the standards of the profession of counseling.

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Keep the mental health boards as they are under the Texas Department of Health.

Give them enough money to staff properly for the work load and to train their employees.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree