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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: I oppose dissolution of the Licensing Board for professional Counselors. A board made up of professionals who are not Counselors can not understand the pressures and concerns of our profession. They may not be able to adequately address ethical concerns . Lumping all of the disciplines under one board that has oversight without adequate training is unwise and will ultimately cause more problems for the state. This may put into jeopardy our national affiliations and standing within the professional community.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would recommend that a study be made to see how other states similar to Texas handle all separate disciplines within the Mental Health Agencies. Ultimately it is too soon to make a decision to dissolve the separate boards and will cause unknown problems with consequences that are ultimately problematic for the state.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree