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

This is an example where school psychologists may render an opinion that guides the courts in deciding about the life of an individual.

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Independent Practice must be granted as well as private practice. Most states allow for private practice and third party payers for licensed school psychologists. A specialist degree is similar to the doctoral level with the exception of the research component.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

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

The recommendations about the law that regulates the practice of psychology have not included various important changes or modifications that must be done:

1. School psychologist are trained to academically and clinically render psychological opinions that affect the lives of students, families, and others and the impact of their recommendation is not well assessed by the Commission, when do not recommend that the law recognize that school psychologists practice privately in all aspects pertaining to learning and psychological issues. Individuals with less education and training conduct psychopathology assessments and are allowed to practice privately. Schools psychologists are trained to understand and use important elements of curriculum and instructional development in addition to all clinical aspects of psychology. The impact of a decision or recommendation rendered by a school psychologist may change positively or negatively the life of an individual, but the Board does not allow that children and families that do not attend public schools or that wish to get the benefit of having a trained school psychologist handle to complicated interaction between academic performance and psychological disorders.
2. The title school psychologist is what the universities' departments use to identify the training, not LSSP. It is the case because school psychologists are psychologists that have a special training in the matters that deal with education, learning, and psychopathology associated with that, including the interrelation of all areas involved in learning. Many states recognize that school psychologists are the best choice in all aspects associated with learning, private, public, or combined. Not allowing the benefit of receiving services from a trained school psychologist to those individuals that do not attend public school is denying equal treatment to them.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

1. Change the law to recognize the title: School Psychologist 2. Provide access to students, individuals, and families that do not attend public schools by authorizing the provision of school psychologists private services upon request

in the market.

3. Recognize that school psychologists are health practitioners, and as such grant them the recognition through allowing third party paying, as well as a health provider standing.

All of these recommendations will increase the availability of mental health services for individuals with a complicated interaction between mental health and learning issues through the private sector and also represent a better decision in such way the the legislature recognizes the special nature of learning issues, instruction, psychopathology of behavior, emotional issues, socio-economic impact, and other elements.

At the same time the legislature is respecting the right of students, families, individuals to seek for what they believe could be the best approach to a complicated situation where curriculum, instruction, social and emotional aspects, mental health, etc. is the best approach to the individual problem. In doing that the legislature is respecting the equal protection under the law clause of our Constitution.

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