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Good afternoon,

I have been made aware of some changes regarding the proposed changes to the Texas psychology licensing board. Below are each proposals and my brief opinion on them

Elimination of the oral exam - I agree with this proposal. This will greatly help with recruiting and improving access to patient care.

Elimination of the requirement for a postdoctoral fellowship - I agree with this proposal. See answer above.

Consolidation of our licensing board with other state agencies - I am opposed to consolidation of licensing boards. To protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is critical that the individuals knowledgeable about the particular profession make decisions about the critical regulatory and professional issues to ensure high quality care for the patients served by the profession. Whether consolidation results in combining several professions into a single omnibus board or limiting the licensing board to an advisory position, it would dilute the ability to appropriately protect the public. Psychology is a doctoral-level (e.g., Ph.D. or Psy.D.) profession mandating extensive education and training in biological, cognitive, emotional and social bases for human behavior and in diagnostic evaluation (including psychological and neuropsychological testing), research and ethics. In addition, an applicant for psychology licensure must undergo four to six years of rigorous and extensive didactic and supervised clinical experience.

Feel free to contact me if further information is warranted.

Regards,

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