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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: As a Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor, I have seen first-hand, both for myself and my interns I supervise, the administrative issues with TSBEP. However, contrary to the recommendations of the Sunset Commission, these issues will NOT be appropriately addressed by moving the LPC license oversight to TDLR. This is a department with no history or experience with mental health concerns of Texas citizens, and protecting our citizens should be the utmost priority of the agency with oversight of these licenses.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The most logical alternative would be the creation of a Texas Behavioral Health Professions Agency, where the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists will be housed. This agency could provide a singular administrative structure for the behavioral health licensing boards and would consolidate operations to take advantage of economies of scale.

This model would mitigate the administrative inefficiencies identified by the Sunset Staff, create the opportunity for consistent regulation and provide the protection the public needs when receiving behavioral health services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree