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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I would like to comment on the Sunset Commission Staff Report in response to the public hearing on the Behavioral Health Licensing Boards held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. I support the formation of the new Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council to regulate LPC, LMFT, LCSW, and Psychologist licenses. If each board maintains its autonomy for rule-making, the efficiency of administration of each board would be greatly improved. The current structure is obviously not working, as it takes and LPC Intern months for their license paperwork to be processed, so they end up either not able to work, or working but not having the intervening work hours not counting towards their required supervised hours. I have one intern, who after waiting 4 months to be told he needed extra courses (he was awarded his degree from an institution out of state), then it was too late to register to take those courses in the next academic semester, so he ended up having to wait a full year to get that requirement taken care of. Now he has been waiting over 3 months to have his license finally awarded. So he has worked for almost 20 months, yet none of those hours will count towards his licensing hours! This administrative miasma has got to be remedied, so professionals do not have to put their careers on hold because of bureaucracy. Creation of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council was recommended unanimously by the last Sunset Commission. The bill to create BHEC passed unanimously from the House Public Health Committee because it is a great, strong design that will best serve Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I have no new recommendations.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree