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

I am in support of the combination of the 4 boards to from Behavioral Health Executive Council. The backlogged processing for handling complaints and applications has negatively affected me personally, the interns I supervise, and the clients we serve. Not only does the backlog cost us a considerable amount of time and anticipatory worry, it costs a substantial amount of money to the supervisee on the front and back end, initially because they will not be paid as much without their LPC-intern license and at the end of their internship experience because they are paying for supervision while awaiting full licensure (which can take 3-5 months).

For complaints, the board is supposed to protect the public from harm, however the process delays any action against the licensure holder for 2-3 years in many cases.

We need to hold ourselves and our board accountable. We owe this to the public, who needs us.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Digitizing the application process would greatly reduce the lag time that comes with paperwork filling. It would also allow instant updates detailing when the application was received, is under review, if any deficiencies exist, etc.

This could be modeled after how many universities handle their application procedures.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree