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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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

I have been a Licensed Professional Counselor in Texas since 1994. I wholeheartedly agree that the current structure is not the most effective way to address problems and issues that arise within marriage and family therapists, psychologists, professional counselors and social workers and their boards. I am in support of the recommendation to create the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC) to house all four behavioral health regulatory agencies. I am also in support of expanding the composition of BHEC to include public and professional representation from each board.

However, I am opposed to the staff's recommendation for the structure of BHEC ("each of the four professional boards would also appoint one of its professional members to serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the executive council to provide input and professional expertise"). I disagree with the recommendation that the one professional member from each Board serve only in "ex officio" role.

I would like to recommend that the Texas Sunset Commission Staff include a professional representative (voting member) from each of the states 4 licensing Boards to the newly formed agency. By including a representative voice from each of these diverse fields to serve on the Executive Council, the BHEC would be more likely to provide the professional expertise needed for successful regulation, and ultimately better serve behavioral health professionals and consumers.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would like to recommend that the Texas Sunset Commission Staff include a professional representative (voting member) from each of the states 4 licensing Boards to the newly formed agency. By including a representative voice from each of these diverse fields to serve on the Executive Council, the BHEC would be more likely to provide the professional expertise needed for successful regulation, and ultimately better serve behavioral health professionals and consumers.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree