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

Oversight of mental health professionals is beyond the scope of TDLR. None of the occupations regulated by TDLR work with fragile individuals struggling to overcome devastating psycho, social, emotional and physical challenges. A move to TDLR will not resolve access to care or regulatory challenges.

With the prevalence of mental illness in our society, what travesty it'd be for under qualified (actually UNqualified) individuals to dictate anything dealing with licensure. Ethically and morally wrong!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Retain the structure and autonomy of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors as well as the TSBEMFT and the TSBESW. Setting and enforcing clear, ethical training and practice standards for mental health professionals can only be accomplished by professionally specialized and independent licensing boards.

Best practice to protect consumers is to have Independent, professionally specialized boards with public members that regulate mental health care.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree