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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I agree with the formation of the Behavioral Health Executive Council. However, I am adamantly opposed to only using 1 public member from each board to make up the Executive Council. Licensed Professionals must also sit on the Council. 1 Public member and 1 Licensed member from EACH of the 4 boards. This was the original recommendation from the review process.

And this is the only way to protect the integrity of the trained professionals and the work they do. Public members will not have the same working knowledge of the field. It is illogical to have a Council full of people who are NOT licensed members of the very profession they oversee. 1 Public member and 1 Licensed member from EACH of the 4 boards and then the report will be acceptable.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Add 1 Licensed Professional member from each of the four boards to sit on the Executive Council.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree