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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I support the recommendation that the boards regulating LPCs, LMFTs, Social Workers, and Psychologists be housed at the new Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council, as this will create a more efficient and effective structure for all professionals who deliver mental health services in Texas. This will not negatively impact the division of each licensure but allow for more efficient licensing measures among all mental health organizations. The division of these organizations perpetuates the efficiency of the LPC Board in Texas. As someone who completed my LPC licensure just 2 weeks ago, I can attest that a process that should have taken a few weeks to get my intern licence took over 6 months and the process to upgrade my license that should have once more been a few weeks took 7 months. In a world where mental health clinicians are in great need, a board that is unable to process licensure proceedings over long periods of time does not properly represent the need or practices of mental health. Please take into consideration the need of patients and clinicians you impact by allowing this board to remain isolated and inefficient.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

There should be just one agency to handle the administration of all the mental health professional licensing boards. This model will make it easy for the public to both find providers and learn how to file complaints when necessary.

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.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree