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

I support all of the recommendations of the sunset advisory commission.

Since I have gotten my license I have been warned of and seen others experience problems with the board including: extreme inefficiency processing applications, losing applications in part or whole, unhelpful and rude treatment by those managing the phone lines, and inconsistent actions in regard to violations of board rules.

While I am concerned about the boards functions being managed by an organization without specialty experience, I am aware that myself and many colleagues are frustrated by the current process, and it would seem that allowing an organization with a proven track record of managing licensure issues would be the best decision at this point.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

One concern I had in reading the report was that it appears that of the 5 counselor members of the board, one seat is designated to counselor educators, three are designated to private practice counselors, and one is open to other professionals.

Whether it be on this board or a new advisory board, I am concerned that private practice counselors have the most representation, and at most one seat would be available to agency/hospital/residential treatment center counselors. I would strongly encourage looking at professional representation on this board or future boards which represent counselors.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree