

**From:** [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)  
**To:** [Janet Wood](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:49:34 AM

---

-----Original Message-----

From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 8:13 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

First Name: Michael

Last Name: Hurewitz

Title: LCSW

Organization you are affiliated with: Independent practitioner

Email:

City: Austin

State: Texas

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

I have been a social worker in Texas since 1996. The work that social workers do in Texas is vital to the interest of the many vulnerable people we serve and the state as a whole. Regulation is vital to ensure that social workers are practicing the highest level of ethical and evidence-based practice. I believe that it is vital that we continue the autonomous regulation of Licensed Social Workers. I oppose the recommendation to relegate the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners to advisory status under the over-extended Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

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.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Allocate licensing fee revenue to directly support the regulatory functions of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree