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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am a licensed clinical social worker practicing independently in Austin, Texas. I have served as a social worker in my community for 23 years. It is vital that we have strong oversight from our professional boards. I support the creation of the BHEC through the transformation of the psychology board. I oppose the classification of professional appointees on the BHEC as ex-officio members. The TSBSWE is not operating efficiently and effectively under HHSC. Each board must remain independent under the BHEC. The TSBSWE must have more money to operate effectively

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I am in support of the recommendation to create the Behavioral Health Executive Council to house all four behavioral health regulatory agencies and to expand the composition of BHEC to include professional representation from each board as voting members. I am in support of NASW's recommendation that the BHEC be structured as proposed during the last Sunset Review and include 9 total voting members:

one professional and one public member appointed by each board and the presiding officer be a public member appointed by the Governor. Each of the four behavioral health boards would have full rule-making authority over scope of practice, qualifications and training. This model has proven to be very effective for other regulatory entities such as the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Boards.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree