From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Lydia

Last Name: Kasmoch

Title: Licensed Professional Counselor

Organization you are affiliated with: Counseling Center of Expressive Arts

Email:

City: El Paso

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I would prefer that the executive council be composed of one public member appointment by each of the four boards and an independent presiding officer appointed by the governor. Additionally, that the structure of BHEC to include one professional and one public member appointed by each board, with the presiding officer appointed by the Governor.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: More resources are allotted to this agency (TSMEPC). As a licensee, it has taken me 4+ months at times to receive my license which has affected my ability to earn a living as well as preventing the community that I live in from receiving services.

Because El Paso is a county with a mental health disparity it is important that we can swiftly receive our licenses from the board so that we may better serve our community.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree