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

I am commenting on the Sunset Commission Staff Report and in response to the public hearing on the Behavioral Health Licensing Boards held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

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 is no reason to have a stand-alone agency for psychologists. In fact, many psychologists are dually licensed by one of the other mental health boards – another reason they should be housed at BHEC.

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.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: N/A

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree