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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

First Name: Mary Ann

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Title: LCSW and Board Approved Supervisor

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Austin

State: Texas

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

I would also like to see the State of Texas continue the autonomous regulation of Licensed Social Workers.

I strongly 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).

I believe that the much needed 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 psychological, social, emotional and physical challenges. A move to TDLR will not resolve access to care or regulatory challenges.

I would also like to see the State of Texas allocate licensing fee revenue to directly support the regulatory functions of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners.

I believe we should retain the current structure and autonomy of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners. Setting and enforcing clear, ethical training and practice standards for Social Work professionals can only be accomplished by professionally specialized and independent licensing boards.

The Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics for Social Workers is unique to mental health and requires peer to peer review in rule making and the complaint process.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I am a licensed clinical social worker in Texas and have the additional recognition as a Board Approved Supervisor. As a way for licensed clinical social workers to indicate they have achieved the Board Approved Supervisor credential, I would like to see the State of Texas officially accept and require the following: LCSW-S.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree