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Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 3:05 PM  
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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I support the staff recommendation that mental health practitioners be placed under the purview of a newly-formed Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council. I recommend that professionals appointed to this Council be allowed to vote and that psychologists be included- arguments otherwise are based on false information about the new Council role and function. I also concur with the duty of the Council to be to review all proposed new rules--

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I recommend that the TBHEC be authorized to proactively review all current rules for all agencies and eliminate rules that any one agency alone has for its bureaucratic convenience that in fact unnecessarily (the other agencies don't see the need because they don't have the rule) create barriers to service and create a confusing and difficult mental health service regulatory environment for the consumer.

example: LPC requirement to copy any existing court order or divorce decree of a minor before giving service.//many other rules resulting from LPC over-regulation by a too-far-reaching board that has at times created rules that even intruded and conflicted with statutes passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree