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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Continue the autonomous regulation of licensed marriage and family therapists, rather than switching to advisory status under TDLR. TDLR does not have the capacity to understand the people served by LMFT's, and LMFT's provide critical care to people who face a shortage of providers available already. With the licensing fee revenue that is already in place for LMFT's, allocation of that revenue to directly support the regulatory function of the LMFT board will allow the board to better serve the public, and address directly the concerns raised. Best practice to protect consumers is to have independent, professionally specialized boards with public members that regulate mental health care.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: no

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree