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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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I support the recommendation for the four behavioral health boards to be consolidated into a single agency – the Behavioral Health Executive Council. I also support the recommendation for fingerprint and more background checks for LPC's and LPC-Interns. I think all Licensed counselors need more background checks to better protect clients. Lastly, I recommend there is a more streamline, quick and efficient system when applying for LPC and LPC Intern. Many jobs and employers require License. The long wait for licenses is a financial and emotional strain on recent graduates who have to wait 3 to 4 months for their License.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I also recommend that background checks to be mandated each time for License renewal and/or license upgrade.

I thank the Sunset Board for spending the time and energy to review the Texas Board of Licensed Professional Counselors

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree