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

My name is Chrysta T. Lloyd. I am a Physical Therapist that has been practicing in the state of Texas for 11 years. I am representing myself in support of the following recommendations up for review during legislative session.

On the basis of Recommendation 1.1: I support the recommendation of the Sunset Commission's recommendation to expunge the disciplinary action policy for therapists practicing under an unregistered facility. Individual violations for licensee's (not directly related to facility ownership) should be expunged since, in most cases, there is little way for them to control registration process.

Recommendation 2.1: I support the Sunset Commission's recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national Licensure Compact and agree that reciprocity should be allowed for therapists (practicing 5 years without violations) in bordering states. Since PT's are all required to take a national practice exam, the baseline requirements for an individual to practice as a clinician have been met. They should however be required to take any jurisprudence exam required by the state if the state regulatory rules are significantly different. Many other licensing agencies also allow for "compact privilege" and the area of PT should also be considered.

Recommendation TBPTE Self-Evaluation Issue 20: I support the repeal of the referral requirement for PT treatment. Texas is 1 of 3 states that still has this antiquated law which requires PT's to have a referral for treatment.

This does a disservice to the patient that needs to be seen for immediate therapy for an acute or chronic condition in which literature supports the quick improvement of symptoms with guided exercise as treatment. Requiring a prescription in our current climate of healthcare significantly prolongs the process of healing, enhances fear avoidance behaviors and decreases a successful prognosis.

Lastly, I strongly support the continuation of the ECPTOTE, TBPTE, and TBOTE as an independent agency structure. These agencies have done a wonderful job guiding clinicians licensing, regulating public complaints and maintaining professional oversight in our profession.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I support the recommendation to change the name of ECPTOTE to Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Boards.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree