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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I do not support the Sunset Advisory Committee recommendations for a Behavioral Health Executive Council to oversee all three of the psychotherapy professions consisting of only public members, one appointed by each of the professional licensing boards for psychotherapists in Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I support the TCA's proposal that the BHEC consist of one professional member and one public member appointed by each of the boards. In this way, we are able to be self-regulating as a profession, just as other professionals are empowered to be under state law, such as lawyers and doctors. At this time when counseling services are in such high demand, we need to get new licenses awarded and maintain efficient and timely review of disciplinary matters. Please keep both the licensees and the public working together for the benefit of our great state!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree