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To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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

I feel that the creation of the Behavioral Health Executive Council to house all four behavioral health regulatory agencies would benefit all counselors who apply for licensure. It would benefit all counselors to have the professional representation from each board as voting members in the expansion and composition of the BHEC. It would benefit the state in meeting the needs of its residents by allowing licenses to be approved faster so that those with the license can then serve the community. I believe that "more efficient and effective regulation of these professions will not only provide improved services and increased responsiveness to licensees but also will better protect behavioral health care consumers."

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: currently I would need more in depth connections to the review and their findings before feeling that I can may any other recommendations.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree