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Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 2:05 PM  
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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:

While I support the recommendation to organize the regulatory boards for LPCs, LMFTs, SWs and psychologists within a new agency, the Behavioral Health Executive Council, I disagree with the staff's recommendation for the structure of BHEC. Sunset staff recommends BHEC be comprised of one public member from each of the Boards with one professional member from each Board serving only in "ex officio" roles. By including a professional representative from each of the Boards, they will provide expertise and are more likely to enhance consistency in professional standards rather than interference across professions. BHEC would still be a public majority agency, since the Governor will appoint a non-professional to serve as its presiding officer.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Reconsider a more robust role for a professional member of each board at BHEC.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree