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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 am opposed to moving the oversight and regulation of LPCs to the Licensing and Regulation Department. Due to the fact we are working with the emotional, mental and behavioral health of an individual, I believe we need to have a regulatory board that understands the nuances and the skills needed to work with mental health needs and can make informed decisions about these nuances and skills. I believe that mental health professionals, nurses and doctors require boards that understand what their fields are like, the difficulties that each profession experiences, and also understands the myriad complexities of the ethics of each profession. I do not believe a department in charge of licensing all licensed professionals would have the understanding and expertise to adequately regulate the mental health licenses.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Leave the licensing and regulation of LPCs with the Texas Department of Health and under the Texas State Board of Examiners of Licensed Professional Counselors.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree