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Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 10:48 AM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

First Name: Karen

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Title: Doctor of Physical Therapy

Organization you are affiliated with:

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State: Texas

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

I have been a physical therapist in TX for 5 1/2 years and practice in rural West Texas where there is often a shortage of quality therapists. I am commenting representing only myself as a Doctor of Physical Therapy on behalf of my profession.

I support the Sunset Review recommendation for TBTPTE to be able to join the National Licensure Compact. This will make it easier for PTs and PTAs to have multiple state licenses, which in this area of the state can be key for patients being able to access care, especially in cities like El Paso, Midland/Odessa, and Amarillo and the surrounding rural areas where therapists could come from New Mexico and/or Oklahoma.

However, I oppose the recommendations to no longer allow the TBTPTE and TPTA to administrate the Continuing Competence Approval Program, and to remove the laws that prohibit the TBTPTE from engaging in similar future arrangements. I have been a member of the CCAP reviewer program in the past, and have also been a part of organizing continuing education courses and having to submit required documentation for review. I can attest to the program being a strenuous review for any continuing education, which serves its purpose in making sure that PTs and PTAs are completing appropriate continuing education to further their clinical skills and knowledge base, which then only serves to protect the public and help patients receive the most appropriate care possible.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: none

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree