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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Faith

Last Name: Myers

Title: LPC - Texas

Organization you are affiliated with: Military counselor

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: As a LPC from Texas I have had a great education from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. I have worked in great places and have worked at Ft Hood, as well as traveled as a Military counselor through a contract company.

I was not a military spouse then, but two years ago became one. Now I live in another state. As a military spouse who is now moving per military orders I have encountered highly frustrating, financially challenging, and time restricted expectations from other state licensure boards. Expectations that are of internship phase requirements and unnecessary as a fully licensed individual. Except that others get to take advantage financially of me being new to the state. Being requested to take the new state's jurisprudence exam is not the issues. I have also met many military spouses who have experienced the same as fully licensed counselors. It came to my attention after contacting the Texas Counseling board to see how my state license receives out of state licenses. I was met with less than appreciated responses to my concerns. I was treated in a rude manner for even asking the questions. Military spouses and other non military move a lot per requirements that is not under their control. However, the Texas board informed me that if a fully licensed individual from another jurisdiction wants the equivalent license in Texas they may have to go retake graduate courses, hire supervisor to supervise, etc. in order to obtain the new license.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The active military spouses, members, and the like need to have a platform on and with the board.

They are being neglected and they play a major role in the Texas communities that they move to. They come from all over and they need an opportunity of reciprocity and not endorsement. They are valuable with their skills and pre licensure requirements. That goes for LPC's, LMFT's, LSCW's, psychologists and the like. Many cannot afford multiple state licenses, and to pay for further requirements other than (application fees, transfer of document fees, CEU fees, etc). If a professional from another state met a jurisdictional requirement and is fully licensed (have taken a national exam, gone to approved program, completed their licensure state requirements), then they should be met with easy transition of obtaining a Texas license. In order to continue to practice while in their new state.

No matter how long they have had their current license, if they are fully licensed and have met another states jurisdictional requirements then they should be received as thus.
They may need to take the Texas Jurisprudence exam, obtain the Texas CEU requirements, and possible even a background check. But other than making sure they are who they say they are and they have a understanding of the Texas law, they should be received.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree