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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PSYCHOLOGISTS

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Organization you are affiliated with: Self employed: intermittent USAF
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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or
Opposed:

Comment Regarding Issue 1: Creation of a "Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council."

The general public has enough trouble differentiating between the two most well known and preeminent doctoral behavioral health providers: Psychologists and Psychiatrists. But this alleged Behavioral Health Council does not include the 'top dogs' of these practitioners, the Psychiatrists. Bad enough the media tells the public that there are "licensed psychiatrists," which don't exist since they are licensed as physicians and board eligible or certified as a psychiatric specialty. I am not suggesting that they get a separate license and be placed under this new Council, but the title of the Council will be misleading to the public. Try leaving out the Psychology board, and re label this Council something like "Texas Masters Level Behavioral Health Professions Executive Council."
Clarity preserved, confusion avoided!

Regarding the other Psychology Specific recommendations: I would appreciate it if my prior comments, as posted on the Sunset Website, be reentered into the record, with one addendum. When the special session again failed to pass the statue(s), and 'punted' it to the next legislature, started to plan, although 69 years old, to move back to Pennsylvania (license now renewed until 12/2019) to be able to practice outside of US Federal Authority (sequestration still limiting funding for new contracts.) An arduous task, disruptive to family. Unnecessary and wasteful: Texas has a much larger population and needs far more MH professionals than when I returned 8 years ago. We previously, (2/86 - 11/89) were Texas residents raising our family when I was at the WACO VAMC, under my OH license, having started with licensure in KY and then AK. I did attempt to deal with this bizarre licensing law, but the onerous nature of needing to fight for a Jr. License was daunting. It was one major reason I transferred to a VAMC in Pennsylvania, where I quickly got my fourth, and present license, and went into years of private practice. I offer you a view of my present resume, and sincerely believe that it shows that I have more clinical background and experience, with more differing populations, in more settings, than most of your presently licensed Tx psychologists. All I want to do is remain in Texas and join them on a reasonable basis! Check me out at

[Http://Nerviano.net](http://Nerviano.net) . Thank you for your attention to this feedback.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: First paragraph, above, might qualify also.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree