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Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:23 AM  
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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and LPC Supervisor, in private practice for fifteen years. I support the creation of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council because I believe it will solve some of the budget- and staffing-related problems mental health professionals in Texas have had in recent years. These problems have significantly impacted the timely provision of information to counselors and the public, as well as the effective oversight of licensure and supervision. These issues are clearly linked with the Board's and individual professionals responsibilities to the public and our patients. Moreover, I appreciate the fact that under the proposed change each of the four licensing boards will retain its integrity and rule-making authority for its distinct discipline.

To support the aforementioned integrity and authority, I also request that under the proposed Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council the professional members appointed to BHEC by each licensing board have voting privileges on BHEC. This seems essential to protecting our integrity and effectiveness as a profession, and in assuring that our professional viewpoints and knowledge will be considered in decision making.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I have no comments to add other than the above. Thank you.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree