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

As an impending graduate of a CACREP program this Fall, I am formally advocating and addressing a need for change in the management of behavioral health licensure practices. Therefore, I am responding to the Sunset Commission Staff Report—2018-2019: 86th Legislature: Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists:
Issue 1 The Structure of the State's Behavioral Health Licensing Agencies Is Antiquated and Inefficient.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Key Recommendation

- Consolidate the Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, and Board of Social Worker Examiners with the Board of Examiners of Psychologists to create the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council.

My fellow classmates and I have worked very hard to get this far to finish a CACREP accredited sixty-hour program. After taking twelve hours a semester, completing seven hundred hours of internship, and a plethora of coursework, I am told that there is a backlog. I will not be able to obtain my LPC-Intern licensure until 107 days after graduation. Therefore, I will not be able to obtain a position until I receive my licensure. But, there is a catch. I need to indicate a site on the LPC-Intern application in order to receive my licensure. It's an impossibly bizarre situation.

Yet this situation can be resolved. The answer is in the Behavioral Health Boards Staff Report from the Sunset Advisory Commission, dated, 3/28/2018.

To read to the entire document, please visit:

https://www.sunset.texas.gov/public/uploads/files/reports/Behavioral%20Health%20Boards%20Staff%20Report_3-

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My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree