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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I support the creation of a centralized regulatory body like the proposed Behavioral Health Executive Council, which would house the regulatory agencies of all behavioral health sectors (social workers, LPCs, LMFTs, etc.). However, I disagree with the proposed structure of the BHEC.

The current plan suggests that only public members of the boards have voting rights. The professional representatives from the various behavioral health sectors should also have voting roles on the BHEC, since including these perspectives in the voting process would integrate professional expertise and facilitate collaboration/consistency of practice between the various behavioral health sectors. It is possible for the professionals to place votes and still have the BHEC be broadly overseen by a public entity.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I look forward to the development of Texas's BHEC because my experiences with California's Board of Behavioral Sciences, which has a similarly centralized regulatory body, have always been efficient and helpful. It's worth noting that CA BBS is comprised of 7 public members, 2 LMFTs, 2 LCSWs, 1 LPCC, and 1 LEP; the board's public members outnumber its professional representatives, but the professionals are an essential part of the board and do contribute their votes.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree