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To: Janet Wood; Brittany Roberson

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Agency: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION HHSC

First Name: Renee

Last Name: Hoffman

Title: LPC

Organization you are affiliated with: Pathways Early Autism Intervention

City: Weatherford

State: Texas

Your Comments or Concerns:

Dear sirs, it is imperative that the Health and Human Services continue to regulate and legislate Texas Licensed Professional Counselors in Texas. We will lose our footing and will not have a mechanism for change. There are MANY issues that affect LPC's each and every day and without the oversight we will not be able to effectively advocate for positive changes. One example of this is the current Medicaid rates and the limited number of billing options that LPC's have. I recommend that the sunset committee not abolish this valuable oversight.

Renee Hoffman MS, LPC, BCBA

Owner Pathways Early Autism Intervention

Your Proposed Solution: Retain the oversight of LPC Under the department of health and human services.

My Comments Will Not Be Made Public: I agree

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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Renee

Last Name: Hoffman

Title: LPC

Organization you are affiliated with: Pathways Early Autism Intervention

City: Weatherford

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: It is important that the Licensed Professional Counselor oversight continue. IPCs are an integral part of the mental health professions in Texas. Without an oversight board important changes and improvements will be even harder accomplish. A good example is the need for Medicaid billing commensurate with Psychologists.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Retain oversight of the Licensed Professional Counselors in Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree