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Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

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

I'm opposed to the consolidation. The Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners (ECPTOTE) has function effectively and efficiently since it was created in 1983. It is revenue neutral to the state and has provided quick and quality serve to the therapists it licenses. Why fix what is not broke? Why create a new umbrella organization which will cost taxpayer money to set up and has no guarantee of saving any money, time or effort? Therapists need prompt turnaround on licenses so they can serve patients and clients in a timely manner. Big agencies, especially big, new agencies, often create big delays in service. Licenses need to be issued quickly so Texas residents can receive the rehabilitation services they deserve.

In addition, ECPTOTE has been able to address changing practice patterns in the health care delivery service promptly through the individual physical therapy and occupational therapy boards populated by knowledgeable practitioners and consumers who working together can create, delete or change rules as needed, in a short time frame, to provide better patient and client service.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Leave ECPTOTE alone and as is. Set up the new consolidated agency on a small scale with 3 or 4 licensed groups to get the "bugs" out of the system before adding groups that are already functioning effectively and efficiently.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree