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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Recommendation 3.2 is not in the best interest of the public. LPC's are well trained and are expected to meet and maintain high professional standards. Unlike the other professions recommended for transfer to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in Recommendation 3.2, Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Social Workers must hold advanced graduate degrees and are considered Health Professions under Texas law. None of the occupations currently licensed by TDLR are required to hold even a bachelor's degree.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors should stay as is under the auspices of the Department of State Health Services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree