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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:

This must be some type of error. I just graduated with my Master's degree in Counseling. At first I thought it was a misprint about the information that was given. There must be someone that can talk to the board regarding these issues. I and my colleagues just spent two years being trained as a professional counselor in psychology to find out that there are some TDLR employees that is not officially holding a bachelor's degree. I am very disappointed to hear such outrageous information. We were taught as a whole that one must be certified and qualified educational professional to help clients to improve their current status. Over the past two years we have learned terminology, word definitions, role-playing, interning with clients, taking classes and driving 3-5 times per week to visit client and being supervised by our supervisor. Only to find out there are some people that have not been properly trained in the field of counseling. In order to do an excellent job one must be taught the correct procedures and must be knowledgeable of the client situations. I cannot see someone not being knowledgeable in a specific field and just off the streets go in and diagnosis a client. Correct me if I am wrong, but what is going on. I never heard of such Ludacris information.

If there is not need to receive a degree or a Master's degree someone should have alerted myself and my colleagues. We just spent over \$40,000 in loans to earn this prestigious degree.

Please someone wake me up from this dream or should I say nightmare. How can you diagnosis or work with a client without proper information and adequate training. We are dealing with people lives in this field. A wrong diagnosis could put a client on the wrong drug which could cause all type of miss-diagnosis and misuse of medication. A person must be properly trained in this area to understand the techniques of counseling, and adequately taught by professors in this field. I am trouble to hear this. One must be able to read the DSM-V in order to determine what type of diagnostic criteria is needed.

Do we need to bring in the government to adhere to this situation? We might be in trouble.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Must be certified and qualified to hold a position in working with client professionally.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree