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Agency: DEPARTMENT FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES DFPS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I recommend that you oppose Recommendation 3.2, which adds the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. The current board is vital to upholding the ethical and legal requirements of professional counselors. It also protects the public from unqualified counselors practicing in the state. The Department of Licensing and Regulation currently has no other professional that must have a graduate level degree and puts the counseling profession at risk of lowering the required credentials.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please keep the current standing of the Board for Profession Counselors.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree