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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: While I support the recommendation to create the Behavioral Health Executive Council to house all four behavioral health regulatory agencies, I also recommend to expand the composition of BHEC to include professional representation from each board as voting members. Including professional members on BHEC is much more likely to enhance consistency in standards than interference on standards of practice, licensing and enforcement decisions since no profession would hold a majority on BHEC. Inclusion of one professional member from each of the respective licensing boards helps to ensure that professional expertise is reflected in BHEC's decisions.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: not at this time

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree