From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

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To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Amanda

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

I strongly support the concept of a Behavioral Health Executive Council. I believe it will enhance the professionalism of all the incorporated boards while continuing to offer safeguards to the public. As a Licensed Professional Counselor Intern who has completed my hours in January of this year, I am well aware of the shortcomings of the current system. While the new organization will not benefit me at this time, I look forward to it being more efficient for those therapists coming up behind me.

My one concern is the decision to not include professionals from the field on the executive board. I fear this would be detrimental to the members as well as the public. Having professional members on the executive board would enhance consistency and improve professionalism while still allowing for a majority of public members. Please reconsider this proposed change. Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please see above.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree