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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Title: Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor approved by TX State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors

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Email:

City: Missouri City

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I support creating the Behavioral Health Executive Council to house all four behavioral health regulatory agencies. I support their being one public member being appointed by each board with the presiding officer being appointed by the Governor.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: In addition to the above , I highly support the Behavioral Health Executive Council including representation from each board as voting members. Having a professional member on the council, brings expertise and experience that would be needed when specific issues or concerns arise regarding that particular field (i.e. counseling, social work, marriage and family, etc). I feel the knowledge shared by that professional can bring respect and appropriate attention to that profession. Including a professional would also help to eliminate a delay in trying to get an opinion when issues arise. It would bring consistency to the council for specific professions. In the counseling profession, we follow TAC Rules that regulate professional counselors as well as the ACA Code of Ethics (those who are members) which addresses pertinent concerns a professional would be able to reference with knowledge and expertise, providing there is professional representation on the Council.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree