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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Grace

Last Name: Shook

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Austin

State: Texas

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

Support: to organize new regulatory boards for LPCs within a new agency

Oppose: staff's recommendation for the structure of Behavioral Health Executive Council. Sunset staff recommends BHEC be comprised of one public member from each of the Boards with one professional member from each Board serving only in "ex officio" roles. Including a professional representative from each of the Boards will provide expertise and is more likely to enhance consistency in professional standards rather than interference across professions. BHEC would still be a public majority agency, since the Governor will appoint a non-professional to serve as its presiding officer.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Increase overall budget in order to hire more employees. They are overworked and unable to effectively process paperwork. I received a deficiency letter when I first applied for my license, but when I called, they realized they did have all my paperwork. This was an unnecessary delay that cost me several weeks.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree