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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PSYCHOLOGISTS

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

Issue #1-3: No position

Issue #4-Opposed, TSBEP should be maintained as the agency regulating the practice of Psychology in Texas, including Licensed Specialist in School Psychology This is the agency most knowledgeable about the practice and rules governing School Psychology Issue #5-Supported; the state needs to adopt a new definition of the practice of psychology as a result of the decision of the 5th Circuit court.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Issue #4 Opposed; the TSBEP should be maintained as the agency regulating the practice of Psychology in Texas including Licensed Specialist in School Psychology

New Recommendations:

Rename "Licensure from License Specialist in School Psychology" to "School Psychologist".

Rationale: This will eliminate confusion experienced by parents, educators, consumers and the public.

Ensure proportionate Representation of LSSPs on the TSBEP.

Rationale: School Psychologists represent 30% of the licenses regulated by TSBEP, but presently have half of one seat on the TSBEP Board.

Allow LSSPs to practice in private schools

Rationale: While this is currently prohibited, this will enable students in private schools to receive access to mental health services.

Align state law and regulation for practice to reflect national standards for the practice of School Psychology.

Rationale: As a matter of alignment, the state standards should be in line with national standards.

Ensure that LSSPs have a conferred degree in School Psychology or a Re-specialization Certification from a School Psychology program.

Rationale: This will ensure those who seek to work with children are trained in the applied field of psychology.

Remove the Prohibition of LSSPs Ability to practice in private clinics.

Rationale: This provides access to services for children who would not have access to mental health services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree