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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I fully support the commission's desire to implement more oversight and better regulation for the mental health boards. I do not support taking the ability to affect change out of the hands of those who know what MFTs, LPCs, and LCSWs do and should be able to do. The last thing we need is for non-clinicians and general bureaucracies to regulate who is or isn't qualified to be a therapist or what constitutes unethical behavior.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I propose that the three boards remain independent of TDLR and receive oversight and direction from experienced state agency employees to implement better systems. This will allow clinicians to continue governing on clinical matters, but with an increased ability to better handle administrative matters.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose the recommendation that psychology interns and fellows get paid at the same rate as fully licensed LMFTs, LPCs, and LCSWs. We receive the same amount of clinical training as clinical psychologists, but we are left to receive lower reimbursement rates. Now we are receiving the same reimbursement rates as their trainees. On top of that, LMFT Associates and LPC interns are left off once again.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that LMFTs, LPCs, and LCSWs receive the same reimbursement rates as psychologists.

I also recommend that LMFT Associates and LPC interns get paid at the same rate as psychology interns.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree