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

I am a physical therapist and have practiced in Texas since 1982 (34 years). I currently teach in a Doctor of Physical Therapy program. My practice area is neurological rehabilitation for adults and I also practice in acute care hospitals. I am representing only myself in these comments.

I am in strong SUPPORT of the Sunset Commission's recommendation that the TBPTE join the national Licensure Compact. Having lived in the Texas panhandle until recently I know of several physical therapists who live along the New Mexico and Oklahoma borders who must hold licenses in multiple states in order to care for their patients. The licensure compact will allow Physical Therapists to practice in more than one state in these rural, border counties without having to provide different paper work and supporting documents in order to apply for individual state-based licenses. Having consistent licensure requirements also increases public safety by ensuring high standards in all states.

I am OPPOSED to the recommendation that would remove the ability of the TBPTE to outsource the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP). Prior to the current CCAP there were multiple problems having high quality continuing education courses approved. In fact the person approving the professional development courses had no knowledge of physical therapy or the complex nature of ongoing professional development. This led to low quality courses being "approved" and multiple complaints from physical therapists. The current CCAP program is a collaborative program administered by the Texas Physical Therapy Association and overseen by the TBPTE. CCAP uses over 109 doctorally-educated physical therapists representing 22 distinct areas of practice to make informed decisions about the quality of programs approved for continuing competence units. In the 16 years of this collaboration (2000) there have been no complaints about the quality of programs being approved. The CCAP has been extremely successful in ensuring that programs meet the needs of physical therapists and ultimately ensure the safety of all Texans.

I also OPPOSE the recommendation to remove legal authority for the TBPTE to engage in future arrangements. The TBPTE does not have the staff or funding to provide for this high quality program internally. Again there have been no complaints about the quality of program approval with the current arrangement.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None, the TBPTE is providing excellent services and is ensuring public safety with its current structure. My only suggestion is to allow the TBPTE to join the licensure compact.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree