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

I strongly support and commend committee on their recommendation for removal of all Facility Renewal Fee's. It is a truly a small business "tax".

I strongly support recommendation for TPTA to no longer be allowed to oversee CEU approvals, ect. Please see below for further concerns.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I strongly suggest that a time limit be placed on how long disciplinary actions (when harm to the public was not an issue) are attached to a therapist license. Six years ago, my CEU's were audited and even though I had 31 hours, one course was not approved consisting of 4 hours total. It was my mistake as the brochure had approval codes but the codes were for only one of the two courses offered. I was fined, was required to take 4 more hours and also had to do 15 hours of community service. Now that action will forever be attached to my license. This is difficult because every insurance that I or my company becomes providers for has to be given a explanation of the disciplinary action. I concede that if my license was removed due to harm to a client, or such client violations ect action posted with my license would be appropriate. My discipline was not due to any action on my part that was putting public in harms way. I believe this penalty is excessive. Also, I specialize in working with children impacted by Autism. Many of my courses that I take to improve my treatment is not approved by my board even though it is approved for speech and occupational therapist. These courses often cost 400 dollars or more for 10 hours. To get them approved would require an additional fee to TPTA as well as time consuming efforts. Many of the companies that offer these specialty courses don't pay the significant fees to get a course approved because PT board is the only one that requires it. I'm often stuck spending extra money and/or taking courses that are not as relevant to my work.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree