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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Tashea

Last Name: Walker

Title: Counseling-Student

Organization you are affiliated with: Texas Counseling Association

Email:

City: Stafford

State: Texas

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

I am in support of the The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council. I believe it will achieve efficiencies and consistency where appropriate, such as in administrative activities related to applications and investigations. I support this option because I am graduating this spring and I am already prepared for my application to take 6 months or more. Unfortunately this also means that there may be people turned away or having to wait 3-4 months due to another professionals availability being full. The Texas BHEC will eliminate the wait time for upcoming professionals and hopefully allow more consumers to receive help.

As for some one who is interested in obtaining a doctorate degree, i do not think it is fair for psychologists to seclude themselves because they are the only ones who require doctorate degrees. This is no reason to have a stand-alone agency for psychologists. In fact, many psychologists are dually licensed by one of the other mental health boards – another reason they should be housed at BHEC. Since the psychologists have such a high-functioning it would be beneficial to share their strategies with other boards in order for us to be as efficient.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: N/A

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree