

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Janet Wood](#)
Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)
Date: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 1:27:50 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 12:31 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Kimberly

Last Name: Weaster

Title: Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor

Organization you are affiliated with: private practice

Email: kimberly@cedarcabincounseling.com

City: Round Rock

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Although I support the consolidation of boards under BHEC, consolidating without significant additional funding for staffing will not solve anything. To make a dent on the current interminably long application processing and conflict resolution times requires increasing staff numbers as well as increasing staff training.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The CCMHC (Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor exam) needs to be rewritten by LPC's to target real world clinical situations. Its current rendition fails to capture the application of counselor knowledge, and rather resides in the stuffy world of academia. It is the application of knowledge that results in improved client outcomes--which hopefully is the intended purpose of this assessment tool. If we really want to improve services for clients, this poorly designed assessment is an inappropriate choice. I recommend a complete review and rewriting with the goal of improving client outcomes at the forefront.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Janet Wood](#)
Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)
Date: Monday, April 09, 2018 7:56:38 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2018 11:47 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Kimberly

Last Name: Weaster

Title: Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor

Organization you are affiliated with: Private practice Licensed Professional Counselor

Email: kimberly@cedarcabincounseling.com

City: Cedar Park

State: Texas

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

Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council, Issue 1:

- Recommend more funding due to Texas joining the nation in evolving into a holistic integrated health care model, where physical and mental health services are married. In treating whole people -instead of part and parceling mental and physical health services into pieces - this model requires ongoing collaboration among health care providers, and therefore requires more funding. Please consider this progressive change and its effects on funding and resources as BHEC is created.
- Recommend BHEC be structured as proposed in the last Sunset Review to include one professional and one public member appointed by each board with the presiding officer, a public member, appointed by the governor. The inclusion of one professional member on each board ensures that professional expertise is reflected in BHEC's decisions. Education matters.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Holistic health care is a social justice issue. Pretending things are fine and sticking our heads in the sand needs to end now. Realistically consider funding resources for the BHEC so that this agency can operate efficiently and allow timely access to critically needed health care services to Texans.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree