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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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

I agree that changes need to be made and that Texas citizens' mental health is being put at risk with the current organization. I myself have applied for an upgrade to full licensure, sent in January of 2018, and am still waiting for the license to be processed. I have a licensed position pending and am currently unable to fully serve the mental health needs of my rural community due to the current processing time. While I am pleased that this is under review by the Sunset Commission, more timely changes are needed in order to assist with the growing disparity between those needing mental health services and licensed providers.

I disagree with the Sunset Staff recommendation for the Behavioral Health Executive Council composition and authority. I agree with the recommendation that BHEC be structured as proposed during 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. Inclusion of one professional member from each of the respective licensing boards helps to ensure that professional expertise is reflected in BHEC's decisions.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The State of Texas approving additional hires for processing licenses is a pressing need.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree