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Sent: Sunday, April 01, 2018 9:41 PM  
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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:

Support of the staff recommendation that:

A. “. . . the consolidated agency [TSBEMFT, TSBEPC, TSBSWE and TSBEP] structure of the Behavioral Health Executive Council presents the best approach to align the regulation of these behavioral health professions and elevate the attention and oversight of these programs.”

Support of the staff recommendation that:

B. “More efficient and effective regulation of these professions will not only provide improved services and increased responsiveness to licensees but also will better protect behavioral health care consumers.”

opposed

“. . . The executive council would be composed of one public member appointed by each of the four boards and an independent presiding officer appointed by the governor.”

supported:

Issue 1: The Structure of the State’s Behavioral Health Licensing Agencies is Antiquated and Inefficient.  
Overall, we agree with the Sunset Commission staff finding in Issue 1 to consolidate the four behavioral health boards into a single agency – the Behavioral Health Executive Council.

supported

Issue 2: Key Elements of the Behavioral Health Boards’ Statutes, Rules and Policies Do Not Conform to Common Licensing Standards

supported

Issue 6: Although Issue 6 specifically addresses the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, each of the behavioral health professions undergoing Sunset review has portability challenges. This Sunset review presents an opportunity to explore strategies to address those challenges for all behavioral health professionals

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I disagree with the staff recommendation that:

“ . . . The executive council would be composed of one public member appointed by each of the four boards and an independent presiding officer appointed by the governor.”

A. alternative recommendation the structure of BHEC as proposed during the last Sunset Review to include one professional and one public member appointed by each board, with the presiding officer appointed by the Governor.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree