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

I am a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Texas and a member of the American Counseling Association (ACA).

I support the Texas Sunset Commission findings that "the boards have made notable strides in addressing the previously identified problems," but I believe that the structure could be improved.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I would like to suggest the following change in structure to the LPC (and other Behavioral Health) boards:

I would like to see a "Behavioral Health Board" with a common staff, structure and rules, but with the Board of five members - 4 professional, 1 public --- per profession.

So the LPCs would have a board, Social Workers have a board, etc. but the staff would be a joint staff.

This is the way it is done at the Texas Medical Board who oversees multiple licenses with their own Boards. Their board has been very efficient and professional -- I would like to see it as a model for professional Behavioral Health professions.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree