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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHSundefined

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

I support the continuation of the state licensure of dyslexia therapists. For dyslexia therapists working in the public schools we are not recognized by the Texas Education Agency. We are evaluated as teachers using an inappropriate evaluation Instrument. Our extra training (minimum of 2 years), passing a national exam, and required continued training is not recognized by TEA. Our state licensure gives us the recognition we deserve. If the dyslexia therapist is in private practice being licensed gives the clients assurance the therapist meets specific requirements to be licensed. To be licensed dyslexia therapists have to meet qualifications required by ALTA (Academic Language Therapy Association) which is training at a qualified center, passing a national exam, and continued training before submission for licensure. Licensure gives dyslexia therapists the credibility and recognition by the state we deserve. The state of Texas licenses so many other occupations who do not have the education and expertise of dyslexia therapists. Dyslexia therapists change the lives of children (and adults) and lead them to a brighter future!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue state licensure of dyslexia therapists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree