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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Title: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Richardson

State: Texas

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

I am opposed to Recommendation 3.2. The Boards representing Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Social Workers have and do serve a vital function in the service of the public. The impact of LMFTs on the health and safety of the clients they serve mandates the oversight of an independent regulatory board that includes experienced licensed professionals.

In a time when the need for mental health services is more important than ever, I request that you not favorably consider Recommendation 3.2.

Thank you for your consideration.
Ken Bateman

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Please leave the regulatory boards as they currently function. Due to the fact that Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Social Workers are required to have advanced training (minimally at the Master's level) they should not be grouped with the occupations currently licensed by TDLR who are not required to hold even a bachelor's degree.

Thank you for your consideration.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree