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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Organization you are affiliated with: Cook Children's Medical Center

City: Fort Worth

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: As a professional with an advanced degree, I am actually offended and appalled that there would be any type of changes to the oversight boards for Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Social Workers. These professions all hold advanced graduate degrees and are considered Health Professions under Texas law. None of the occupations currently licensed by TDLR are required to hold even a bachelor's degree.

These professional degrees and individuals are often charged with working with the most vulnerable of individuals and populations. They need professional oversight with all aspects of their professional practice to protect themselves and their clients and community.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: PLEASE maintain the current Boards as they are now. These professions are not a "skilled trades".

The very unique and sensitive "client-provider" issues that must be regulated and monitored. These professions work with abused and neglected infants, children and adults from all over the State of Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree