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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Pamela

Last Name: Bermender

Title: LMFT and Supervisor

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City: Cedar Park

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed to Recommendation 3.2 regarding the proposed transfer of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists (TSBEMFT) to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation because the TSBEMFT has provided (and continues to provide) the quality regulatory oversight to ensure LMFTs are well-trained with advanced degrees and are adhering to high professional standards that protect the public at large. I am concerned the quality of oversight by the proposed transfer will place the public at risk and also negatively effect the LMFT profession.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend maintaining the TSBEMFT as the regulatory governing body for LMFTs for another 12 years.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Janet Wood](#)
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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Pamela

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Title: LMFT and Supervisor

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City: Cedar Park

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: As a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), I hold a Master's degree and am a health provider who works with other health care entities. I am in favor of keeping the TSBEMFT as the governing entity for LMFT licensees because it has and continues to provide competent, appropriate oversight for the LMFT profession in Texas. I am very concerned about the LMFT profession diminishing in quality if the governance is moved from TSBEMFT to TDLR because TDLR does not have experience in working with mental health issues. I believe the proposed change of governance (to TDLR) would be detrimental to the public we serve, as well as negatively impacting the LMFT profession in Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend maintaining the TSBEMFT as the regulatory governing body for LMFTs for another 12 years!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree