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

What percent of counselor licensing board members will be fully licensed and experienced counselors with power to make changes to licensing policies and rules? Licensing of mental health counselors who are to work with clients' and their mental thought processes, something so complex and serious, that the licensing procedures and rules need to be overseen by people with equal or higher education and experience in the same fields of counseling. Protecting and promoting the well-being of human beings is much more complex than licensing those who sell products and services that do not deal directly with clients' inner thought processes.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Boards that oversee policies and rules governing mental health counselors should have at least 50% of their members who are licensed counselors themselves, for the sake of the well-being of the clients. Protecting and promoting the well-being of human beings is much more complex than licensing those who sell products and services that do not deal directly with clients' inner thought processes.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree