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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Please reconsider your proposed move to have licensure and regulation of mental health provider licensees (LPCs, LMFTs etc) overseen by a different agency. Our professions are a critical part of the well-being of our state's citizens and should be regulated by an agency with licensed mental health professions on the decision-making board.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Leave things in place for a year and invite our boards (ie National Board of Certified Counselors) to poll it's members for input to you. Please make a carefully researched decision on this critical issue. Thank you.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree