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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: I do not support the change proposed for the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. I believe that the Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors should remain as an independent licensing board housed by the Department of State Health Services. I believe that the Sunset Review of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and the other mental health licensing boards should be conducted in 2016 as scheduled in the current statute. I am concerned that the final authority for Licensed Professional Counselors in Texas would rest with a small public board, whose primary experiences have been in the regulation of industries and trades whose responsibility is not only different, but is not even similar to the counseling profession. As the proposal is written, the current LPC licensing board would be an advisory board with no authority to regulate. I am against this structure for it would negatively impact the profession of LPCs as highly qualified mental health professionals. This action would further negatively impact the protection of the public. I also believe that the decision of the above magnitude merits a detailed analysis. Since there is no data to support the change, I recommend that any action to restructure be postponed until the agency goes through its regularly scheduled independent Sunset Review in 2016.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

1. I recommend that the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors Remain as an independent licensing board based in the Department of State Health Services.
2. The Sunset Review of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors in currently schedule for 2016. I strongly recommend that this review occur in 2016.
3. I recommend that a decision of the above magnitude have a detailed analysis.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree