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

While I agree that changes are needed in the management of licensing for Social Workers, I do not necessarily agree that sending this function to the auspices of another agency will lead to the remedy of difficulties. There was a dramatic and noticeable difference in the TSBSWE when the director was no longer a social worker. We need someone who understands the scope of our duties, the distinctions between various licensees (e.g. LBSW, LMSW, LCSW,

etc.) and the functions that they are trained to perform, the NASW Code of Ethics, etc. Regardless of which agency houses the licensing board, the board must be adequately funded and have the appropriate and sufficient staffing in order to be effective. Anything else eventually becomes a waste of taxpayer funds and, frankly, a joke to the profession.

I recall when the agency was no longer headed by a social worker. Complaints were no longer taken as seriously or given the proper weight for the possible offense. Without knowledge of social work values, principals and the Code of Ethics, the board lacks the tools and knowledge necessary to supervise the profession, and runs the risk of allowing a person who is not appropriately trained to work outside the scope of their knowledge and potentially harm clients.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Fund the agency sufficiently and hire appropriately certified and sufficient staff to meet the need, regardless of where it sits. Do not just shift it to an agency that will record test scores or CEUs and send out certificates.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree