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

Opposed: Recommendation 3.2 places the public at risk. The regulatory oversight provided by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists which includes licensed marriage and family therapists as well as public members ensures that all LMFTs are well trained and adhere to high professional standards. The impact of LMFTs on the health and safety of the clients they serve mandates the oversight of an independent regulatory board that includes experienced licensed professionals.

Unlike the other professions recommended for transfer to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in Recommendation 3.2, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Professional Counselors, and Social Workers must hold advanced graduate degrees and are considered Health Professions under Texas law. None of the occupations currently licensed by TDLR are required to hold even a bachelor's degree.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue oversight as currently operated.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

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Opposed:

LMFT's are Health Providers as stipulated by the Federal Government and the Texas Medical Liabilities Act and should stay with the department that works with other health care entities. Unlike the other licenses being moved, our license is a Master's Level Degree, unlike cosmetologists, sanitation workers and most of the other entities being moved. TDLR has no history in working with mental health issues. We should not be taxed to move entities. If we are not with other Health Care providers, we risk being dropped by insurance providers, despite providing healthcare, due to the mis-classification.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: LMFT's are health care providers and should be categorized and supervised as such.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree