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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Kari

Last Name: Carroll

Title: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate

Organization you are affiliated with: Our Lady of the Lake University

City: San Antonio

State: Texas

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

I am in favor of keeping our license with DSHS due to the fact that I am a Health Care provider, I do not want my license to be taxed to pay for the move, and my livelihood could be at stake if my funding sources do not see me as a health care provider, which I am.

1. We 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.
2. Our license is a Master's Level Degree, unlike cosmetologists, sanitation workers and most of the other entities being moved. Clearly our license gives us much more responsibility over the public's wellbeing than the other licenses. I attended school in a program alongside psychologists, and treat the same issues they do. We need to be regulated carefully and appropriately.
3. TDLR has no history in working with mental health issues.
4. To pay for the move, TDLR recommends that WE would have to pay for it by an increase in our license fees. A tax on us for something we do not want and that is not beneficial for our profession.
5. If we are not with other Health Care providers, will insurance decide not to reimburse us because we are now no longer under the health department for the State of Texas?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not move us, but instead keep us where we are under the Department of State Health Services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree