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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: How can you even think about doing away with the professional licensing boards for Counselors (LPCs), LMFTs and Social Workers? It's bad enough that the state of Texas is way down on the list of states that provides support to children and adults with mental health issues, but to do away with the licensing boards that regulate the quality of services that these and other individuals receive, is totally IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNETHICAL. We are already fighting on the national level to be able to provide support for our veterans, so why would you diminish the importance of the availability of regulated quality services that our children, adults, and military service men and women receive? Why should they not have the best mental health practioners available to provide them with mental health treatment? There's already a shortage of providers as is. You should not diminish the state's licensing boards by making them "Advisory Boards" throught the TDSHS. That's just absurd!! Would you also do away with the Texas Board of Psychologists, the Texas Medical Board, the state Nursing Board, or the Licensing Board for the Texas Bar as well, to name a few? Do we need to have a "Sandy Hook" incident in Texas to get people's attention about the importance of mental health and the quality of care??? REALLY!!!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not, under any circumstances, even think about doing away with the Texas Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, the LMFT Board, or the Social Workers Board.

Take funding from another source that won't have as much impact on so many needy people, their families, and everyone around them!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree