

**From:** [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)  
**To:** [Janet Wood](#); [Brittany Roberson](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 5:27:37 PM

---

-----Original Message-----

From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 3:30 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Form submission from: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Submitted on Thursday, June 5, 2014 - 15:30

Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Jon

Last Name: Crook

Title: Associate Professor; Certified Employee Assistance Professional; LMFT-S; Sub Abuse Prof

Organization you are affiliated with: Texas Wesleyan University and Private Practice

Email: [jccrook@txwes.edu](mailto:jccrook@txwes.edu)

City: Fort Worth

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: DSHS does not need restructuring. What it needs is restoration of the funding our extraordinarily foresighted Republican governor and legislators have cut creating problems in work flow, not efficiency. The idea reminds me of the film, "Cheaper by the Dozen," in which the father, an "efficiency expert, tries to run a family using business practices and creates ultimate dysfunction and chaos. In a subcategory, sunset officials recommend the transfer of all professional license departments--ie, LMFT, LPC, LCDC, LCSW, etc--join occupational licenses in a Department of Regulatory Licensing with skilled artisans and tradespeople who also require a license--ie, electricians, plumbers, cosmetologists, etc. The only similarity between these two categories is the word, "license." The trip through the drop boxes in the web site for this outfit would really be a blast. These categories have no similarity in the way they serve the public.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Drop the idea completely and work on something important. Texas has the most significant air pollution in the country, poor mass transportation in its urban areas, the highest number of citizens [both adults and children] without health insurance, and a growth rate that's out of sight with little or no plans regarding its supply of water for its population. Let's work on one of those areas instead of DSHS.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree