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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am writing to oppose the Sunset Commission's recommendation 3.2 to transfer licensed MH professionals to the Texas Licensing and Regulations Board from the DSHS as an action that places the public at significant risk of harm. Demoting the Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors to an advisory board limits extremely important oversight of a profession that provides direct mental healthcare services to the public. Limiting the Board's oversight of such professionals will allow for substandard mental healthcare in Texas and may place the population at risk.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Maintain the Texas Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors under DSHS umbrella.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree