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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 trying to wrap my head around the rationale for 3.2 recommendation to move LPC/LMFT licensing and regulation under an entity that currently licenses and oversees areas such as nail salons, massage therapists, tattoo shops etc. All of these careers, while lofty and artistic, do not even measure up to the state or federal standards or educational requirements of Licensed Professional Counselors or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. I cannot walk into a session and paint somebody's fingernails and voila they are better. Nor can I tattoo the words 'repeat after me' and they will magically be fixed. Counseling requires a minimum of a Master's degree, 3000 hours of supervised internship as well as ongoing continuing education. With the number of veteran's coming back from the war front and those who have already returned needing ever more services we should not 'dumb' down or reduce the supervision and obtaining of licensure to an entity that is ill prepared to handle this level of oversight.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would not move licesning and oversight of these professions to a lesser licensing dept.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree