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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: LMFTs are a very professional, highly trained and dedicated group of people interested in helping individuals and families resolve conflicts and interpersonal problems. They need a board of people trained to understand what it is they do since it does not fit with other kinds of licenses except those in the mental health professions. An advanced degree(s) is required and specific clinical training is necessary. Serving and protecting the public is the purpose generally given for the existence of these regulatory boards. Putting the regulatory responsibility in the hands of a board not qualified to supervise or without the knowledge needed in this responsibility does not seem to be something that is in the public's best interest.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: There is currently a regulatory board that serves this function adequately.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree