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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I've been contacted by the Texas Counseling Association with this info: The Texas Sunset Commission staff is recommending in its report on the reauthorization of the Department of State Health Services that the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors as well as the Marriage and Family Therapist and Social Worker licensing boards be reconstituted as advisory committees at the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Although I have trouble seeing how most of the regulations imposed by the boards in question actually serve the goal of insuring the professional competence of counselors, the plan to give these responsibilities to an advisory board doesn't make sense, at least on the surface. I'd have to understand a lot more about just what this would look like before I could decide my stance on it. I would support any approach that connects the requirements for the LPC or LMFT to clear data that indicates the requirements actually lead to increased competence.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I have no recommendations since I have such limited understanding of just what the practical implications of the proposed changes would actually be.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree