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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:

The 3.2 is unnecessary for LMFT's because Texas State Board of Examiners job for LMFTs' is to make sure that every LMFT is appropriately and well trained and held to high professional standards. The AAMFT requires that their board to include experienced licensed professionals. Someone who is not an experienced licensed professional LMFT cannot really be expected to know how to "manage" an area in which they are not fully experienced.

LMFTs, Professional Counselors, and Social Workers are required to have graduated from an approved graduate school with advanced degrees in their respective specialty studies. After graduating, under Texas law, LMFTs must have 3,000 supervised hours including face to face experience with clients before being allowed to apply for the licensing examination which they must take and pass in order to qualify for a license in Texas. Presently, none of the occupations currently licensed by TDLR are required to hold even a bachelor's degree. You cannot compare "apples to oranges" and then come up with the solution proposed in 3.2.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Let the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, The board for Professional Counselors and the Board for Social Workers govern, monitor and enforce their directives and standards for their respective licensed professionals.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree