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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Catherine

Last Name: Foster-Cobb

Title: Licensed Dyslexia Therapist, Certified Academic Language Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: Keller Independent School District

City: Weatherford

State: Texas

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

Please continue to support licensure for dyslexia therapists and practitioners.

I have been a licensed dyslexia therapist since the 81st Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 461, relating to the regulation of dyslexia therapists and dyslexia practitioners, and the bill was signed by Governor Rick Perry on June 21, 2009. I have been diligent in paying for my license and in remaining knowledgeable of the dyslexia therapist licensing rules, laws, and revisions and amendments.

Licensure informs the education community, parents, students, the public, and legislators that

- I am a remediation professional who has met the minimum standards set forth by the Texas Department of State Health Services
- I have studied for and passed a national alliance examination, completed a rigorous two-year course of classroom study, satisfactorily completed 700 hours of clinical teaching experience in direct service to clients, and have conducted and been evaluated on demonstration lessons
- I am a professional who is required to complete continuing education classes biennially

My professional colleagues and I were so excited that finally, after exhausting effort and thousands of hours of steadfast advocacy by the community of dyslexia educators, the Texas Legislature recognized the excellent quality of our training and our passionate commitment to continuing education in our work with adults and children identified with dyslexia.

Please continue to support licensure for dyslexia therapists and practitioners, thereby continuing to champion the

education of individuals identified with dyslexia.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please continue to support licensure for dyslexia therapists and practitioners, thereby continuing to champion the education of individuals identified with dyslexia.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree