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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am totally opposed to Recommendation 3.2 to transfer the Texas State Board of Examiners to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and reconstitute this independent board as an advisory committee. I believe that this transfer directly effects public health by placing those mental health practitioners under a licensing department that requires very little of its licensees. Marriage and Family Therapists work directly with individuals and families struggling with mental health issues and thereby should be held to the highest of standards. Recommendation 3.2 would lower the licensing requirements and thereby lower the standards of care and safety for the public.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Texas Marriage and Family Therapists should remain under the oversight of the Texas State Board of Examiners and the Department of State Health Services in order to maintain the excellent standard of care required by those in the field of mental health.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree