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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: I am opposed to moving the licensing of marriage and family counseling away from the dept of state health services. LMFT's provide an important health service and should be recognized as such. Moving LMFT licensing is unnecessary and would impose an increase in their licensing fees. Moving them away from the dept of health services could also damage their ability to be reimbursed by insurance companies because of the message it sends. LMFT as a profession requires a masters degree in addition to thousands of hours of practical experience and is not on the same level as the other licensing that are being moved.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The licensing for marriage and family counseling/therapy should stay at the department of health services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree