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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: Regarding the proposal to move licensed professional counselors from the Department of State Health Services to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. This would be a disservice to the mental health profession that has become a viable health provider in the state. The move would diminish the counseling profession and relegate it to non-health care status. Counseling is a health profession requiring advanced training and a rigorous internship. Texas has the largest constituency of licensed professional counselors in the nation, and we are proud to be part of the health care system in Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please keep counseling, social work, and marriage and family therapy as health professions that provide healthcare services in the Department of State Health Services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree