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

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I believe that the Texas LPC licensure and requirements are stringent for a reason. I believe that the advanced degree (Masters and above), thousands of hours of training required during and post graduation, prior to full licensure) and continuing education requirements are a must for not only solid training for counselors but also service as protection to the clientele served. There is a certain baseline that must be learned and attained prior to full licensure, and to lessen that is a tremendous risk to the profession and the clientele serviced. This could potentially place persons at risk for suicide, self-harm in a higher bracket for following through with life-threatening choices, as well as, minimize the help one gets from attaining services from a well-trained, educated individual who has been through the rigors of the current licensing process.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep things the way they are to ensure safety, education and integrity for the profession and our clients.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree