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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 oppose the inclusion of the State Board of Professional Counselors into the Department of Health Services. It is important that we maintain our own licensing board to make sure we give the best care to our patients and clients. Our licensing board along with the Marriage and Family Licensing Board and Social Workers licensing board are all made up of professional members. We have worked very hard to maintain high standards. To lump our Boards into the Health Department would put us with others who do not have similar education and who have not gone through rigorous testing.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: To leave our Boards as they are now and not turn them into an advisory committee.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree