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

First Name: Karen

Last Name: Kelley

Title: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: Texas Assn for Marriage & Family Therapists

City: Richardson

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: We oppose moving our LMFT licensure board from DSHS to TDLR (which hasn't worked with mental health, but oversees non-degreed licenses, like cosmeticians). We are health care providers per the Federal govt and Tx Medical Liabilities Act, with at least a Master's Degree and specialized training. We interact with other health care professionals (doctors, hospitals, insurance) and want to maintain high standards as providers

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please allow us to stay with DSHS so that we can continue to main high standards as health care providers. We view our services as an important contribution to the health of our communities and state. Healthy marriages and families make healthy citizens for Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree