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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 strongly oppose moving the Texas State Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists (TSBEMFT) from DSHS. The Board needs to remain with DSHS with the other licensing Boards that oversee healthcare professionals. Prior to my becoming an LMFT, I worked six years as a chief of staff & legislative director for a state representative and understand fully the need to have a licensing board under the appropriate state agency to protect both the consumer and licensed professional. Moving the Board to TDLR would threaten the integrity of our license and fail to protect the consumer by having an agency with no mental health experience (TDLR) overseeing those practicing marriage and family therapy. Texans deserve better. Keep the TSBEMFT with DSHS.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep TABEMFT with DSHS.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree