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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: Recommendation 3.2 - I oppose the recommendation to reconstitute the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors as well as the Marriage and Family Therapist and Social Worker licensing boards as advisory committees at the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Because Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers are trained using specific education standards and internship requirements and because they require a Graduate degree, they should not be regulated like other licensed professions. The degree to which their services are personal and potentially damaging also requires a specific amount of specialized knowledge to regulate in an effort to protect consumers. We need a specific licensing board not an advisory committee. And these professions directly contribute to the health of Texas citizens. How does that not fall within the purview of the Department of State Health Services?

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree