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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: Please be advised that I am opposed to recommendation 3.2 to transfer the Texas State Board of Examiners to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and reconstitute this independent board as an advisory committee. LPC's are trained professionals with advanced degrees making contributions to the mental health of our communities. This change will compromise the safety of the clients we serve and have a deleterious effect on general public mental health. Services are currently being provided to mitigate many of the devastating tragedies which have faced our country in past years by creating avenues of assistance to many emotionally troubled individuals who otherwise would not be helped and preserving the health of healthy families and individuals. Currently none of the occupations licensed by TDLR are even required to hold a bachelor's degree, consequently, such a change will undermine the professional credibility presently held by our licensed providers. Please do not arbitrarily make such a change which will cascade into a negative ripple effect in such an important area as mental health.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would propose making changes to elevate the criteria and credibility of the professionals providing our services, expand the scope of access from the community to such providers, augment the avenues for our offerings to be delivered and structure compensation where carrying the burden of positively shaping our culture is even more rewarding.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree