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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:

1. I would like to encourage the committee to make sure that the licensing board for social work, in whichever location it ends up, is given the resources and professional staff it needs to be able to effectively regulate & support its licensees.
2. Social work, and indeed all therapy, is a specialized profession that requires supervision from appropriately trained supervisors. An independent board/advisory board should include professional, licensed social workers. Furthermore, professional, licensed, social work managerial level staff at the licensing board is important.
3. Sufficient funding and staffing are critical to the licensing boards' success--and this is an area where DSHS is currently lacking. They do not have a lack of focus, they have a lack of funding & staffing resources to be able to effectively operate.

In summary: wherever it ends up, the social work licensing board should include professional social workers in management positions, and adequate resources to operate well.

Thank you!
Katie Malinski

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please see above.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree