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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am concerned about Recommendation 3.2 putting the public and our profession at risk. The current oversight of the Board of Professional Counselors includes licensed professional counselors as well as public members ensures that all LPCs are well trained and adhere to high professional standards. The impact of LPCs on the health and safety of the clients they serve mandates the oversight of an independent regulatory board that includes experienced licensed professionals. I am also concerned that none of the occupations currently licensed by TDLR are required to hold even a bachelor's degree. Our profession required advanced degrees (minimum Masters) and specialized training.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that oversight of Licensed Professional Counselors be continued by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors which includes licensed professional counselors as well as public members.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree