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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 am opposed to the recommendation that the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation take over supervision of the licensing process for Licensed Professional Counselors or any other health professional. The requirements to become a highly qualified health professional are complex and TDLR has no knowledge of what is required to become an LPC or any other health professional and currently does not supervise any health related licensees. The current Board of Examiners of Licensed Professional Counselors is much better suited to continue their current role. I have been an LPC since 1983 and I can tell you that it has taken years for Licensed Professional Counselors to achieve the recognition in the health profession as highly qualified professionals. To move their regulation to an agency with no experience in the field would create a negative impact on the public and dilute the trust that has been built with the public over the past thirty years. Since the decision to move the responsibility to TDLR is not based on any data showing a need for change, may I suggest just leaving it alone! As my daddy used to say, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Current statute calls for Sunset Review of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Licensed Professional Counselors in 2016. My recommendation would be to follow current statute and not address any 'moves' or 'changes' until the Sunset Review process in 2016. At that time, if data can be produced to show a need for change, it can be addressed.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree