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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Title: Lic'd Marriage & Family Therapist, Lic'd Clinical Social Worker, Lic's Prof'l Counselor

Organization you are affiliated with: TX Assoc. of Marriage and Family Therapists

City: San Antonio

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I am opposed to the suggested move of the Texas Bd of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists from DSHS to the TDLR for the following reasons:

1. We are Health Providers as stipulated by the Federal Government and the Texas Medical Liabilities Act and should stay with the department that works with other health care entities.
2. Unlike the other licenses being moved, our license is a Master's Level Degree, unlike cosmetologists, sanitation workers and most of the other entities being moved.
3. TDLR has no history in working with mental health issues.
4. To pay for the move, TDLR recommends that WE would have to pay for it by an increase in our license fees. A tax on us.
5. If we are not with other Health Care providers will insurance decide to not reimburse us because we are now no longer under the health department for the State of Texas?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please leave LMFTs where we are, under the DSHS.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree