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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: My understanding of this review is that it seeks to restructure the professional licensing board (The Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors) that currently governs Licensed Professional Counselors as an advisory committee. I believe I speak for myself and all licensees when I say that this is an unacceptable proposal that would put lives and the quality of those lives at stake in regards to the patients we provide service and treatment to. Our board consists of licensed professionals as well as a diverse group of non-licensed community people who work diligently to serve the needs of the general public by regulating the profession with appropriate rules and ethics. We are a health profession that has to undergo a rigorous specific graduate curriculum including 2 practicum internships, pass a national exam and then complete an additional 3,000 clock hours under supervision of another licensed professional who has the Supervisor endorsement included on their license. We are expected to perform at a very high standard and our doing so can often keep patients out of the hospital by equipping them with the needed skills to manage healthier lives (i.e. improved medication management & compliance, improved coping skills, improved parenting skills, anger resolution, developing life skills, proper hygiene & self care, healing broken spirits and broken hearts, grief/ loss resolution, overcoming depression, eliminating self harm/ suicidal thoughts/ homicidal thoughts, surviving victimization and abuse, etc.) Our Board works tirelessly to improve standards of the profession and to keep us informed of rules, laws, standards, trends and accomplishments in the field. We DO NOT want or need the LPC Board to be restructured.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None proposed at this time.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree