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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHSundefined

First Name: Linda

Last Name: Neal

Title: Dyslexia Therapist and Qualified Instructor

Organization you are affiliated with: Port Arthur Independent School District

City: Port Arthur

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed to discontinuing licensing of dyslexia therapist. As a licensed dyslexia therapist in a Texas public school as well as a private therapist I have become aware of the importance of my professional license status in working with parents and educators as it verifies my expertise in the field. The amount of time, supervised experience and the rigor of the course work to become a certified therapist can be compared to a masters degree in reading or special education. The license allows verification of my professional training that is specific to dyslexia. The license also is supportive of the strong Texas dyslexia laws that have been put in place for dyslexia identification, instruction and training of teachers. At this time there are a limited number of universities that offer a degree plan leading to certification and licensing. Taking away the license would be going backwards and weakening the current dyslexia laws and services for dyslexic students.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: My recommendation is continued support of the licensure of Dyslexia Therapists through the State Health Dept.of Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree