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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Steven

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Title: LMSW

Organization you are affiliated with: Children's Advocacy Center

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed to moving the Texas state board of social work examiners out of Health Services department to licenses and regulation. I feel, as a mental health professional, my goals of keeping people healthy align more closely with the health services. I feel that department would have a better understanding of my job tasks and it's importance to the health and well being of the citizens of the state.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I strongly encourage that the recommendations of NASW and social workers be carried out. The state board of social work examiners needs more social worker representation and additional funding to make a more user friendly computer interface. I also recommend a state wide mental health crisis hotline that can connect and alert mental health professionals who may be working with the individual in crisis. When someone calls a system should be in place to alert those already working with the patient to insure continuity of care is as seamless as possible.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree