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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:

Opposed to moving LPC Board into an advisory role in another department.

As a private practitioner I can tell you that we need this Examining Board to remain where it is. We Licensed Professional Counselors are healthcare practitioners who use our clinical skills to diagnose and treat patients. We then bill our patients or their insurance companies for our services. There are opportunities for mistakes and unethical choices in both areas, treatment and billing, and setting and enforcing clear ethical, training, and care standards can only be accomplished by a professionally specialized board. The LPC Board's professional oversight has consistently ensured that patients get the best care possible and that clinicians practice with integrity and professionalism. In my opinion, it would be a serious error to change what has worked so well thus far. Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please keep the LPC board where it is.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree