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

Marriage and Family Therapists have specialized training to do couples and family psychotherapy. Other disciplines do not have this training and therefore, Marriage and Family Therapists need to retain a separate license. As physicians have specialized training, so do psychotherapists for the well being of the public. Recommendation 3.2 places the public at risk.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that the field of psychology have specializations recognized as appropriately as those in the medical field.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree