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

Regarding Recommendation 3.2

If the state of Texas wants to have quality professionals providing services within this state, then legislation must reflect the respect these professions deserve. Proposing that LPC, LMFT, and Social Worker licenses be regulated by a general licensing board rather than by a board which reflects the skills and training required for these professions will decrease both the quality of professionals in the fields, and will show the general public that these licenses deserve no more training nor respect than any other license in the state. For professionals who spend years completing training, education, internships, and licensing examinations at the masters level and above, this is insulting. The state takes the lead in showing the general public the value placed on varying professions. If you are not going to combine other health professionals (because LPC, LMFT, and Social Workers ARE health care and mental health professionals per state law- and they carry the liability as such) under the general licensing board, then LPC, LMFT, and Social Workers should not either. Texas has a track record of not prioritizing mental health for its citizens- please do not further this reputation by devaluing the professionals that go to school and work each day fighting for the health of this community of Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Maintain these licenses under a regulatory board which reflects the skills, education, liability, and value involved in these professions.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree