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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: I strongly oppose the recommendation to move the TSBEMFT, my licensing board from the Department of Health Services to TDLP. Whatever be the motivation the outcome is to de-legitimize a profession that I have spent over thirty years practicing. In today's world families need more support than ever; when the future of our children and grandchildren are at stake, it seems the height of folly, the very definition of poor judgment to make family therapy more difficult to practice or less attractive to students considering which mental health profession to enter. Marriage and Family Therapists are Health Care Providers whose training is specific to the profession, whose expertise is unique and whose success in providing support, understanding and relief to families in pain and crisis is unparalleled.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Leave the Marriage and Family Therapy State Licensing Board under the auspices and governance of the Department of Health Services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree