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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Michael

Last Name: Sliwa

Title: LMFT & LPC

Organization you are affiliated with: TAMFT, Texas State Board of Marriage & Family Therapist, Texas State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors

City: Austin

State: Texas

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

1. We are Health Providers as stipulated by the Federal Government and the Texas Medical Liabilities Act and should stay with the department that works with other health care entities.
2. Unlike the other licenses being moved, our license is a Master's Level Degree, unlike cosmetologists, sanitation workers and most of the other entities being moved.
3. TDLR has no history in working with mental health issues.
4. To pay for the move, TDLR recommends that WE would have to pay for it by an increase in our license fees. A tax on us.
5. If we are not with other Health Care providers will insurance decide to not reimburse us because we are now no longer under the health department for the State of Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I say no to moving LMFT's from DSHS.

I am in favor of keeping our license with DSHS due to the fact that I am a Health Care provider, I do not want my license to be taxed to pay for the move, I am a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and I do not want it to be diminished due to a move to a department that works with occupational licenses

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree