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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Recommendation 3.2 places the public at risk. The regulatory oversight provided by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors which includes licensed professional counselors as well as public members ensures that all LPCs are well trained and adhere to high professional standards. The impact of LPCs on the health and safety of the clients they serve mandates the oversight of an independent regulatory board that includes experienced licensed professionals. Licensed Professional Counselors is considered a health profession under Texas law, and left unchecked, counselors can cause some serious damage to clients.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that the TSBEP maintain its current structure.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree