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

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am OPPOSED to Recommendation 3.2 that would transfer the Texas State Board of Examiners to the Department of Licensing and Regulation.

LMFT's are well trained and highly educated professionals that are held to the highest standards under our current regulations. To group them with other occupations does a grave disservice to our profession and decreases our recognition both state wide and nationwide. As a profession it is necessary that both our credentials and our ethical guidelines be held to the highest standards in order to maintain our professional status in Texas. LMFT's hold advanced graduate degrees and are considered health professionals under Texas state law. To group them with other occupations should not even be a consideration. Please consider that Recommendation 3.2 poses a public risk and do NOT disband the Texas State Board of Examiners as an INDEPENDENT Board with oversight of LMFT's in Texas. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please continue to maintain the Texas State Board of Examiners as and independent board with its' current status unchanged.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree