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

First Name: Michelle

Last Name: Swanson

Title: LCDC, # 10925, LMFTA # 201940 Owner/Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: Houston Discovery Therapy Counseling

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed:

Opposed:

Opposed of 3.2

As a current masters level educated and trained LCDC, LMFTA within the state of Texas, with obtaining a masters level education and passing the state LMFT exam which requires specific course work in diagnosing and treating various disorders within the DSM as well as specific training, education, internship in family systems to graduate as well as meet the requirements in Texas for LMFTA status. As an LMFTA I have to meet my intern hours as well as have a masters degree to obtain full LMFT status. My LCDCI license was originally obtained with a bachelors degree in Psychology, and to met 2000 clock hours for full LCDC status. LCDCI 's requires an associates degree with 4000 clock hours and the ability to treat and diagnose substance abuse and dependency related disorders as an LCDCI and Full LCDC status.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: N/A

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree