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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:

Recommendation 3.2 places the public at risk. The regulatory oversight provided by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, composed of licensed professional counselors as well as public members, ensures that all LPCs are well trained and adhere to high professional standards. The impact that LPCs have on the health and safety of their clients mandates oversight by an independent regulatory board that includes experienced and licensed professionals.

Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Social Workers hold advanced graduate degrees and are considered to be Health Professionals under Texas Law. The other professions recommended for transfer to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in Recommendation 3.2 do not hold graduate degrees. The occupations currently licensed by TDLR are not even required to hold a Bachelor's degree.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue to have LPCs receive oversight from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree