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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: I propose that the DSHS MAINTAIN regulation over mental health clinician licensing and NOT transfer to advisory status with TDLR. the mental health system is already overwhelmed and without the support of independent therapists, the health, welfare, and safety of the public will be at even greater risk. As a dual licensee of TDLR and DSHS, I know that the TDLR is also an overburdened system and does not have enough man-power to monitor its own licensees.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend keeping the agency structured as is.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree