From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Something HAS to change. The time that it takes to process a license is unacceptable. In any other profession (lawyers, Doctors etc.), this would start a class action law suit for lost wages and public endangerment.

I strongly support the LPC board being consolidated into the Behavior Health Executive Council with other Mental Health boards. By combining these boards, we pool the resources needed to process applications in an appropriate time frame.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: An alternative recommendation is for the BHEC to be comprised of one professional and one public member appointed by each board with the presiding officer, a public member, appointed by the Governor. This model has been used by other boards (Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Executive Boards) with success and will allow for accurate representation from the professionals "in the field".

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree