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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:

I am commenting on the Sunset Commission Staff Report and in response to the public hearing on the Behavioral Health Licensing Boards held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

I support the recommendation that the boards regulating LPCs, LMFTs, Social Workers, and Psychologists be housed at the new Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council, as this will create a more efficient and effective structure for all professionals who deliver mental health services in Texas.

There should be just one agency to handle the administration of all the mental health professional licensing boards. This model will make it easy for the public to both find providers and learn how to file complaints when necessary.

Creation of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council was recommended unanimously by the last Sunset Commission. The bill to create BHEC passed unanimously from the House Public Health Committee because it is a great, strong design that will best serve Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Holding a doctorate is not unique to psychologists. Many other mental health providers also hold this prestigious degree. This is no reason to have a stand-alone agency for psychologists. In fact, many psychologists are dually licensed by one of the other mental health boards – another reason they should be housed at BHEC.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

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

I support the recommendation to create the Behavioral Health Executive Council to house all four behavioral health regulatory agencies and to expand the composition of BHEC to include professional representation from each board as voting members in addition to the public representative recommended by Sunset Commission staff. The current structure is incredibly ineffective in assisting those of us in helping professions. These few souls are overworked and overwhelmed with such awesome responsibilities. Creating a unique entity that focuses solely on 4 helping professions will help streamline the efforts of those working in the agency and those who benefit from their work (us professionals), not to mention those who we help every day.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Our association recommends that BHEC be structured as proposed during the last Sunset Review to include one professional and one public member appointed by each board with the presiding officer, a public member, appointed by the Governor.

Inclusion of one professional member from each of the respective licensing boards helps to ensure that professional expertise is reflected in BHEC's decisions. This model has proven to be very effective for other regulatory entities such as the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Executive Council.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree