From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am in support of the recommendation to create the Behavioral Health Executive Council to house all four behavioral health regulatory agencies and to expand the structure of BHEC to include professional representation from each board as voting members members in addition to the public representative recommended by Sunset Commission staff. I disagree with the BHEC staff's recommendation for the structure of BHEC. Below, you will see my recommendations on this agency. I hope having all agencies under one umbrella will help make our specialties more cohesive providing better care for clinicians and patient/clients.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Expand the structure of BHEC to include professional representation from each board as voting members instead of just having public representatives. Including a professional representative from each of the Boards will provide expertise and is more likely to enhance consistency in professional standards.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree