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Subject: BDR for behavioral health boards in NV

I am very much in favor of creating one governing board with subcommittees and this model has been adopted successfully in CA, CO and AZ.

The BOE for MFT and CPC has struggled to provide timely and professional service to students, interns and licensed professionals.

Collectively the board has accepted little responsibility for the lack of information on the BOE website, including information that is required to be posted by law in a certain amount of time before and after a board meeting. Individually some board members have expressed frustration with their ability to create a sustain change for the board, but little has been done to address our professional concerns.

I am aware of complaints made to the AG's office by one particular MFT on several occasions with little response from the BOE and the AG.

The BOE has been known to violate the open meeting law and the meetings are not conducted professionally (roberts rules of order).

Agendas and minutes are rarely posted on the website.

People who are told they will be included on the agenda are all too often forgotten.

I am aware of students and interns paperwork being lost, mislabeled or simply misplaced for periods of time that has resulted in delays in approval for internship and licensure.

The executive director was fired in 2015 and a replacement ED was hired only to resign within 2-4 months.

Recently, board members have resigned or been asked to step down without explanation and the board is still without an ED.

Change needs to happen and soon!

My only concern re: subcommittees on page 16 would be my opinion that it is critical to separate CPC's and MFT's. The license is completely different and we should not reside on the same subcommittee and should have never been governed by the same BOE.

I appreciate you receiving my written comment.

Sincerely,

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