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Sent via E-mail from Denise Quirk

Submitted for Public Comment for the August 24, 2016, Legislative Committee on Health Care Meeting

Dear Megan,

I would like to add this email as my personal comment regarding the August 24, 2016 Legislative Committee on Health Care regarding NRS 439B.200. It is my personal opinion, and I do not represent any entity, including my non-profit treatment center, The Reno Problem Gambling Center, or any other agency I do professional work for, including the University of Nevada Reno where I am a part-time instructor.

I served on the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors for four years and have not been on that Board for more than three years. I have observed that Board's meetings, as well as the meetings for the Marriage and Family Therapist's Board, since I have professional licenses with them both. Reading the Bill Draft which is recommending that several Behavioral Therapy boards be combined, including the MFT's and the Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors, I believe that is an excellent idea. I also believe the oversight which the Department of Health could provide, is a very good idea. I hope that consolidating will encourage collaboration, efficiency, and attention to the laws on which these Boards were founded. I am hopeful that the representatives from each area of practice will bring both their expertise and their willingness to collaborate to the combined board and better serve the Nevada public.

Thank you,

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