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Full Task Force
Barriers Subcommittee

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Specific person or topic

What are your comments?

I will join the meeting on Friday, and I am happy to address any questions or concerns on this. or any other cosmetology related Barriers Subcommittee topic, "Supervised experiential learning for cosmetology and barbering students. Consider developing and analyzing legislation that would allow advanced students in licensed schools to participate in structured, school-supervised learning at approved off-site locations. The proposal requires careful attention to supervision, sanitation, consumer notice, monitoring, compensation, and the risk that students could be used as substitutes for licensed employees. "

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What are your comments?

To the Task Force, Regarding Reorganization of the Board of Psychologists:

I write as a long-term Montana psychologist (licensed since 2012), an educator in the state, and as a private citizen to strongly oppose the consolidation of the Board of Psychologists into the Board of Behavioral Health. Licensure for psychologists differs from that of other mental health professionals in the breadth of our training, the integration of science and practice, and the scope of our work. Consolidating the board would inadequately place the jurisdiction for licensing and disciplining psychologists under other health professionals. This would be similar to having nurses oversee the board of physicians or vice versa; the type of training and work that the two professions do differ from one another so significantly that they cannot review each others' qualifications.

Please keep the Board of Psychologists as a separate entity. Thank you for your consideration-

Bryan Cochran, Ph.D., MT Psychologist #970

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Specific person or topic

What are your comments?

I am curious about the chemical barbering program offering basic skin care but not waxing services. A chemical barber can potentially give someone a chemical burn with lightener, but they cannot wax or shape an eyebrow? That to me just doesn't make a whole lot of sense. They learn the basics of skin care for straight razoring and shaving; so, they have access to the foundation of what waxing requires as a providable service. Not to mention via social media our Montana barbers can see other states that allow their barbers to provide waxing services. I really feel we are doing our barbers a real disservice by not allowing them to do a service that other peers in the industry are allowed to do.

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Health Care Subcommittee
Construction Subcommittee
Barriers Subcommittee
Sunset Review Subcommittee

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General comment

What are your comments?

I would like to express that I strongly OPPOSE the recommendations for consolidating the Board of Psychology and the Board of Behavioral Health. This is extremely important for public safety that Psychologists are allowed to vet other Psychologists and not have someone who is outside our field make determinations as to what makes a qualified Psychologist.

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Specific person or topic

What are your comments?

I am writing in opposition to combining the Montana Board of Psychologists and the Montana Board of Behavioral Health. I do not believe combining these two boards would reduce unnecessary barriers related to licensing/regulation or protect the public. I urge the task for to keep the Montana Board of Psychologists as a stand alone board.
Respectfully,
WanmdiWi Rose, PhD

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What are your comments?

I strongly oppose the consolidation of the Board of Psychology (BOP) and the Board of Behavioral Health (BOBH). Neither of the stated purposes of the Licensing Reform Task Force, i.e., to "identify and remove burdens and barriers faced by licensees that are not necessary to protect the public;" and to "improve access to and availability of professional services for citizens across Montana" will be accomplished by this consolidation. The Montana Board of Psychology is essential for the purpose of protecting the public by ensuring psychologists are qualified to practice and meet the high standards set for the profession through licensing and regulation. The standards of training, experience, and supervision required to become a psychologist (i.e., a doctoral degree) are very different from those required for a master's level mental health practitioner. The Board of Psychology is essential in ensuring psychologists licensed to practice in Montana are qualified, capable, and experienced professionals. It is essential for public safety that Psychologists are responsible to evaluate other Psychologists and not leave the task of vetting or disciplining to someone outside our field. For this we need our own Board.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.