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**Senator José Menéndez Issues Statement on BHEC & Texas State
Board of Social Work Examiners Decision to Rescind Proposal**

San Antonio, Texas – The Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC) held its meeting this morning voting unanimously to restore protections for individuals by rescinding the proposal to discriminate clients on the basis of disability, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Senator José Menéndez released the following statement:

“This morning the Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC) made the decision to rescind their proposal and restore the protections for individuals with disabilities and the LGBTQIA communities. It is courageous to do the right thing, when someone in power advises you otherwise. We appreciate that this morning, BHEC made the decision to stand on the right side of history. We stand with our social workers — there is no place for discrimination in Texas. I urge you to join me in continuing the pursuit towards equality, and contact the Attorney General’s office expressing your support of BHEC’s decision to restore these protections.”

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