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Agency: TEXAS BOARD NURSING BON

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Title: Certified Nurse-Midwife, Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Nurse

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: It is unreasonable that a Certified Nurse Midwife CNM that is brought before the Board of Nursing for a complaint, review or discipline that the CNM would have to explain to reviewers what a CNM is and a CNM practices. It is unreasonable that a CNM would be judged by a panel not composed of professionals that practice at the same level.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

1. APRNs should not need to explain what they do to a BON committee deciding if they violated their scope of practice. The committee should be made up of mostly APRNs who practice in the same field, so that the proceedings can be focused on the nuances of role-specific APRN practice.
2. When an APRN is called before the BON for possible disciplinary action, those sitting on disciplinary committees should be peers, who are already experts in that APRN's specific area of practice.
3. Whenever an APRN is under disciplinary investigation, the majority of those doing the investigating should be APRNs in the same specialty.
4. The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee should be required to form a committee of APRNs with the same area of practice as any APRN under review, whenever an APRN is referred for possible sanction by that committee.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree