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Agency: TEXAS BOARD NURSING BON

First Name: Julia

Last Name: Bower

Title: Certified Nurse Midwife, Owner

Organization you are affiliated with: self-employed

Email:

City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Whenever an APRN is under disciplinary investigation, the majority of those doing the investigating should be APRNs in the same specialty area who are familiar with the APRN's scope of practice. In order to ensure a fair and impartial process of any peer review or disciplinary proceeding, it is important to require the involvement of APRNs peers for cases that call into question APRN practice issues. For example, I am a Certified Nurse Midwife in private practice. I see my own patients and deliver their babies in their homes. If I get called before the Board for review, it's very important that those reviewing the case be familiar with Nurse Midwifery and out-of-hospital practice. This is essential for the safety of consumers, as well as the Nurse Midwife in question.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Please have APRNs with relevant credentials and experience be the ones reviewing the conduct of their peer APRNs. They are the ones who will best be able to assess possible negligence or misconduct.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree