

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Janet Wood](#)
Subject: FW: Form submission from: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 3:56:41 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 10:43 AM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Form submission from: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Submitted on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 - 10:42

Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Angela

Last Name: Avila

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Richmond

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Moving the Texas Midwifery Board under the umbrella of the TDLR would not be a wise move. Please do not make any changes until the necessary 2016-2017 review. Instead, use the time between now and then to learn the reasons moving the Texas Midwifery Board would not be beneficial. As it currently stands, the Texas Midwifery Board is in a supported, well-thought out locale and should not be put under new jurisdiction. DSHS is the best group to have the Texas Midwives reporting to; this makes sense and will help maintain the high level of standards and care currently being following by Texas Midwives.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: NO changes are needed to the Texas Midwifery Board as it currently stands. Making any changes would harm the care that currently Licensed Midwives are able to give. Midwives are extremely helpful and are a wonderful alternative for healthy mothers with normal pregnancies. While Doctors and Nurses will always be a back-up option for pregnant women, the age-old practice of midwifery should still be used as much as possible. Midwives currently hold the majority on the Midwifery Board, as it should be. Just as doctors hold the majority on the Medical Board, those that are most experienced with an area should be filling the majority of the Board. These wonderful women are able to provide individual, affordable, loving care to many women who may not otherwise have access to prenatal care. Without these wonderful midwives doing what they do, there could be an alarming rise in the rate of women without prenatal care. Do not hurt the practice of these women by making unnecessary changes. These women are here to serve and should continue to do so.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree