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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Organization you are affiliated with:

City: The Woodlands

State: Texas

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

Athletic Training is recognized by the American Medical Association as a health care profession. The Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers needs to remain in the Department of Health and Human Services. We are professional healthcare providers and we need to protect the quality of our profession. Athletic Trainers are health care professionals who collaborate with physicians. AT's work directly with patients in the areas of prevention, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. As health care professionals, AT's should not be placed with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, rather AT's should remain under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Health Services or moved to the Texas Medical Board. United States President, Barak Obama, recently supported an initiative for youth sports safety.

NATA, in collaboration with the Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society, will support a national initiative to place athletic trainers in underserved high schools in NFL markets during the 2014 football season. <http://www.nata.org/nata-news-blog/president-obama-announces-natanfl-collaboration>.

The Youth Sports Safety Alliance and its members work to ensure that youth athletes have access to health care professionals who are qualified to make assessments and decisions; athletic trainers being the qualified healthcare professional. These members include various medical associations. The list can be found at <http://www.youthsportssafetyalliance.org/allianceMembers>.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree