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

Keep the Texas Midwifery Board on its proper schedule (2016-2017), including any changes to it or their rules. Don't relocate the Texas Midwifery Board to the Department of Licensing and Regulation, because it will function better where they deal with health care professions. The authority to make laws must stay with the midwifery board, so they can keep their excellence in practice and progress in safety.

Midwives have provided the comfort, security, and confidence I needed in birthing my two children. It has been such a relief and incredible experience to have midwives who were essentially my friends in my home in Texas assisting me in a powerful experience. I would not want to bring my children into this world through any other way. They have provided the education, guidance, supplies, and options I needed to make my pregnancy and birth wonderful. Let them continue unhindered to bless and provide excellent service to me and more women!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Apparently ACOG/TCOG don't like to have so many Licensed Midwives on the Midwifery Board. However, this is completely logical since doctors make up the majority of the Medical Board and nurses hold the majority of the Board of Nursing. This decision was made in the last Sunset Review BY Sunset Review, because other professions represent themselves in their respective Boards. ACOG/TCOG also want "lay midwives" to follow their ACME standards and complete the AMCB exam to certify. Licensed Midwives are not "lay midwives". Not only that, but the Texas Midwifery Board already has their own extensive exam. If midwives followed the suggestions by ACOG/TCOG then hundreds of amazing midwives would have to go out of business. Don't let this happen!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree