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

My husband and I have a very positive and wonderful experience with a midwife in prenatal care and birth of our two children.

I don't agree that the Texas Midwifery Board should have any changes made to it until it is set for review in 2016-2017. Moving the Board to the Department of Licensing and Regulation instead of keeping in it's current position, the Department of State Health Services, doesn't make sense plus takes away their ability to improve standards, etc. I understand the Sunset Review commission has turned down this move in the past.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: ACOG/TCOG is saying there is a conflict of interest with the midwifery board having a majority of midwives holding positions although all other medical professional boards follow the same procedure. And it was in the last review where Sunset Review commission suggested they have a majority of midwives. Also, licensed midwives are not lay midwives but are fully licensed by the same organization that handles the ACME license. It's the nurse-midwives not the licensed midwives that fall under that requirement.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree