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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Mandy

Last Name: Dewey

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Whitesboro

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I have had nothing but positive experiences with the prenatal care and birth of my son at a natural birthing house/center ran by Texas Midwives.

My son was born in 2012, and my Midwife's practices were personal, practical, flexible but I always felt safe. I would not support any changes to laws ,rules or regulations that my Midwife followed due to the fact that the entire experience was so positive. The Texas Midwifery Board is not due for Sunset Review until 2016-2017. Any changes to the laws or rules of the Midwifery Board should be tabled until that review. I understand that there is a possibility that the Texas Midwifery Board may be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. But I feel DSHS is best equipped to regulate health care professions such as Midwifery. If the department gets moved it will eliminate rule-making authority of the Midwifery Board, and the ability to keep safety standards consistent. The reason Midwifery is such a great option for prenatal and birthing care is because the woman gets treated like the decision maker in her pregnancy and birth , and a much wider variety of options are available with clear presentation. The Midwife is an advocate for her patient and the way rules and regulations were set up for my experience were more than satisfactory , therefore I oppose any changes.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Texas Midwifery Board should remain part of the DSHS.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree