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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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State: Texas

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

I have received amazing care and support from Licensed Midwives for my two births. The first one ended with a transport to the hospital and a c-section, yet my midwife was there with me the entire time offering support and guidance. She stayed with me until after baby was born and I was comfortable with breastfeeding. My second I was able to successfully have a VBAC thanks to the encouragement, support, knowledge, and experience from my licensed midwives. I am so grateful for all the excellent care I received throughout my pregnancies and births while in the hands of my midwives.

I feel that the Texas Midwifery Board should not be moved to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. DSHS is better equipped and knowledgeable to regulate and make decisions for healthcare professions. The Texas Midwifery Board needs DSHS in order to allow for the Board to continue to make decisions on best improvement to midwifery healthcare standards and safety.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No changes are currently necessary for the Texas Midwifery Board. Any revisions should be discussed and handled at the next 2016-2017 review.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree