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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The Texas Midwifery Board should not be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. Midwives are an integral piece of our state's health care and are in their rightful place. Midwives operate in the best interest of their patients/clients, and interfering with that in any capacity is a disservice to Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Midwives should hold majority seating on their board as midwives, alone, know how to service those that are seeking midwifery care. No changes are currently needed to the Texas Midwifery Board and revisions should be discussed during the 2016-2017 review. Challenging this could result in a damage to maternity care access for a large group of women. Licensed midwives are fully qualified and extremely competent to care for those that choose that route, as I did, and that should not be compromised.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree