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

- As an active RN, BSN who has received excellent midwifery care in the state of Texas, I am very concerned by the prospect of the Texas Midwifery Board being moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is the appropriate option for overseeing and positively enabling the Midwifery Board to maintain a standard of medical excellence in care for expectant mothers and their unborn children. It should not be an option for the Midwifery Board to be placed under TDLR due to lacking competency within the TDLR specifically in regards to ensuring current standards of excellence with medical professionals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

- Licensed midwives should be the majority on the Texas Midwifery Board. Just as with any other Texas board of medical professionals, those who have excelled within their specific practice should be the ones maintaining standards and competency within that said practice. The role of a midwife should mainly be defined and upheld by those who have been midwives themselves.

- Revisions to the Texas Midwifery Board should be discussed during the 2016-2017 review.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree