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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: I want to make it known that I support the Texas Midwives and I believe that they should stay under the jurisdiction of the DSHS and not be moved to TDLR. Every healthcare profession should have a board with a majority of their own on a board or committee at all times. They should have a position in which to help dictate the future of their profession. They have to pass rigorous test and education to receive their license, just as I did to become a dental hygienist. I not only support them as a fellow healthcare professional, but as a consumer of midwifery services. While I had one child at the hospital, I have had four children with a licensed, caring, very educated midwives. I appreciate the support and professionalism that they exude and quite often refer others to their services if they are like minded.

I am so very grateful that midwives are an option as they are in other countries. They are trained in natural child birth and patience for a natural birth is not near common enough, but made possible by midwives. I received nothing but exemplary care from each midwife I have had the honor of having serve me.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I believe the Midwifery board is not up for review until 2016-2017 and since there is no pressing issues, they should have their time to prepare for any changes or deter changes imposed by other entities. Health care professionals need to be regulated by healthcare professionals and at least have the majority of such on their boards. It would be great if all the healthcare professions could work together instead of being afraid of each others boundaries and crossing them. The community as a whole would benefit if midwives had the support of the OB's in those rare instances that they are needed.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree