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

On the issue of moving the Texas Midwifery Board to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation I am strongly opposed. Remember midwifery is a service of health and should be given support to create strong and safe medical practices. They have found that home at the Department of State Health, which is a health focused office. The other has little background in health and could not understand the needs of a health service when it comes to regulation. This is an unwise decision.

Women decide for themselves how they want to have birth. It should not up to the state to make one option more difficult or less accessible. As a service women choose to use, the state's only role is to allow the service providers work to provide the safest and best service. The state is making this service more difficult and endangering women's choice and safety.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Allow the Texas Board of Midwifery to remain on the DSHS. The amount of money that might imaginatively be saved by moving the Midwifery Board to TDLR should not weigh the case in the amount sacrificed in unsafe practices, healthcare costs and liberties lost.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree