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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: In regard to the proposal to move the Texas Midwifery Board to the Department of Licensing and Regulation, I feel that the Department of State Health Services is better equipped to monitor & regulate health care professions. I've had experience with midwifery during birth and appreciate the devotion to health and individual care which those I've interacted with maintain with those entrusted to their care. The expertise and stringent standards of these midwives are evidence that the current regulation of The Texas Midwifery Board is sufficient.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Licensed Midwives are not doctors, nurses, or physician assistants and therefore, should not be regulated by the same board as those professions.

Licensed midwives do, however, undergo standardized education for Licensed Midwives as well as the NARM exam, a 350-question, eight-hour comprehensive midwifery exam. NARM is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) which is the same accredits ACME.

Since The Texas Midwifery Board is not due for Sunset Review until 2016-2017, no changes are currently needed to the Texas Midwifery Board, until that time when revisions would necessarily be discussed.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree