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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 is not due for review until 2016 and logically any changes should be done during that review. Midwives are a distinct healthcare profession that has and should continue to have their own board and rulemaking as other health care professionals do. I have experienced obgyn care, nursemidwife care and licensed midwife care. Each has their own place and role and should be treated accordingly. They are all important for women's health care. Doctors are not the appropriate group to oversee midwives as they undergo different training for different purposes. I support keeping the midwifery board in dshs with its current structure. During sunset review is the appropriate time to reevaluate this if needed.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree