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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 am writing to express a concern over the possible transition of the licensing of midwifery from dept of human services. I think this is a poor choice because the dept of human services is better equipped in manners of public health which midwives are a licensed health professional. I have had 1 birth with a licensed midwife and am currently receiving prenatal care for my second pregnancy. They have both been great experiences but I am concerned that if you transfer licensing of midwives to a different department that standards will lapse.

Some other things that concern me is that you are trying to review the midwifery standards prior to their scheduled date of 2016-2017. This seems like a poor decision because it implies that rushing is taking place and when rushing takes place typically mistakes are made.

I as a consumer of midwifery services ask that you leave things as they are until the scheduled review I. 2016-2017 and that midwives continue to be licensed through the dept of human services since they have experience with other medical field and thus can offer the best care.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree