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

I have personally experienced excellent care through 2 pregnancies and births with the help of midwives. I think women should be allowed to birth how and where they want as long as it is safe. Midwives provide an alternative to the over medicalization of birth and allow choices to birthing women.

Midwives, for low risk pregnancies, provide the care that women need without imposing unnecessary medical interventions that often lead to further interventions.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: It seems that if doctors are allowed to govern their board, midwives should also be able to do the same. The governing body of a group should be knowledgeable and representative of the group they are governing so that they have accurate perception and knowledge of the skill set required for the group they are monitoring.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree