

**From:** [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)  
**To:** [Janet Wood](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)  
**Date:** Monday, June 30, 2014 8:27:13 AM

---

-----Original Message-----

From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Sunday, June 29, 2014 12:29 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Form submission from: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Submitted on Sunday, June 29, 2014 - 12:29

Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Toni

Last Name: Kimpel

Title: CPM, LM

Organization you are affiliated with: Jubilee Birth Center, Association of Texas Midwives, NARM,

City: Brenham

State: Texas

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

I have been a midwife for 29 years and delivered over 500 babies. I now own a birth center in Bryan, Texas which is meeting the need for women and families in that community. We are delivering about 48 babies a year between birth center and home births. This is just my little spot in Texas. Women want midwives and out of hospital birth. I personally birthed eight children, one in the hospital and seven out of hospital with midwives. That is how I wanted to birth my babies, now aged 33 to 15 years, and it is still the way some women choose to birth.

The Texas Midwifery Board is not due for Sunset until 2016-17 and any changes to midwifery practice should wait until that scheduled review time.

The Texas Midwifery Board should not be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation, this would not be a good move for maintaining a board who understands midwifery and how it continue to improve safety and the best practice standards.

It is rather offensive to have CPM's called lay midwives. We have credentials that we have worked hard for.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

No changes are needed at this time to the Midwifery Board or law or rules.

This should be tabled until the proper time for it to come before the Sunset Review Commission.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree