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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Brittany

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Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Pearland

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose the ideas to make changes to the Texas Midwifery Board, rules or laws. I do not feel that the Board should be moved to The Department of Licensing and Regulation, it is best regulated under DSHS because midwifery is a medical/health profession and should not be regulated under the same agency that regulates cosmetologists, electricians or tow-truck drivers and, moving it would eliminate the rule-making authority of the Midwifery Board which is necessary for improving safety and practice standards for mothers and babies throughout Texas. I also do not agree with the idea that the Board should only have 2 Licensed Midwives and 3 Nurse-midwives when Licensed Midwives aren't nurses or physicians. The Texas Midwifery Board should keep the 5 Licensed Midwives because they are who should make up the majority of the Midwifery Board considering Nurse-Midwives and physicians make up the majorities of the Board of Nursing and Medical Board. Licensed Midwives are medical professionals and are doing a great deal of good and bringing more access to maternity care to thousands of Texans.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I do not believe that any changes are currently needed to the Texas Midwifery Board, any revisions should be discussed during the 2016-2017 review.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree