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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 have experienced wonderful service and care with a Licensed Midwife through my first pregnancy and birth. I fully intend to use a Licensed Midwife during my second pregnancy and birth. I do not believe the Texas Midwifery Board should be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. DSHS is best equipped to regulate health care professions. The move would take away the ability to make rules from the Midwifery Board, which is important to improving safety and maintaining best practice standards.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I do not think any changes are currently needed to the Texas Midwifery Board and any revisions should be discussed during the 2016-2017 review. Licensed Midwives are well educated. The Texas Midwifery Board requires standardized education for Licensed Midwives as well as the NARM exam, a 350 question, 8 hour comprehensive midwifery exam. Also, as a health care professional I do not believe there is a conflict of interest with Licensed Midwives holding the majority on the Midwifery Board seeing how doctors are the majority on the Medical Board as well as nurses on the Board of Nursing. It was Sunset Review Commission that chose to give midwives a majority on the Board since other Boards at DSHS and around the country have practitioners from that profession as the majority on the Board.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree