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

Please do not move the Texas Midwifery Board to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. DSHS is the best way for them to be regulated since they have allowed midwives the authority to make rules. If they are transferred to the TDLR, they will lose this ability. As a healthcare professional, I understand the importance of being managed by the appropriate board. Since the Department of Licensing and Regulation is responsible for regulating tow truck drivers and electricians, it does not appear that they are the best group to make decisions when it comes to health care.

I have used midwives for my past two pregnancies and have received excellent care. Since my pregnancies were considered low risk, they reduced the need for high-tech interventions. This was better for both me and the baby in terms of safety, recovery and overall satisfaction with my care and birth.

Midwifery is one of the oldest professions. It has been shown that the countries with the best pregnancy outcomes use midwives as their primary care providers.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: There should be no changes made to the Texas Midwifery Board at this time.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree