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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I submit that the Texas Midwifery Board should not be moved away from the DSHS as they are the best equipped to handle professions of a health care nature without being so specific (as with the Board of Nursing) that there is misunderstanding. The current position is the best fit so that good practice standards and safety within this realm are handled appropriately. I care a great deal how midwives are treated, as I have chosen the wonderful, loving, and unique prenatal care of midwives for all 4 of my pregnancies/births. We associate with a large number of people who also choose this model of care and prefer it; therefor we want the Texas Midwifery Board to be in a position to maintain excellent care and be free of prejudices from other models of care.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I actually chose our midwives by the list of licensed midwives from the state's website. I found comfort in knowing they are all required to be educated and pass the NARM exam (as some states don't require this and I would question their abilities!) I don't believe any changes or discussions on the Texas Midwifery Board should be brought up until they are up for review in a couple of years.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree