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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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State: Texas

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

Athletic Trainers are recognized by the American Medical Association as a health care profession. It would be inappropriate to remove the athletic trainers from the department of health unless it is to place them with medical board. Athletic Trainers are health care professionals who collaborate with physicians.

AT's work directly with patients in the areas of prevention, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions.

The Youth Sports Safety Alliance and it's members work to ensure that youth athletes have access to health care professionals who are qualified to make assessments and decisions; athletic trainers being the qualified healthcare professional.

Lumping the athletic trainer board into an agency with cosmetology and tax professionals just the appropriate agency for this group of medical professionals and does not give the public the expertise and protection of a true medical agency.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Place in the medical board as an alternative

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree