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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 urge you to keep the Texas Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers within the Department of State Health Services. It is imperative that the State continues to ensure the citizens of Texas get quality care from licensed Athletic Trainers. Below are some facts regarding athletic training:

- Athletic Training is recognized by the American Medical Association as a health care profession.
- 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.
- As health care professionals, AT's should not be placed with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, rather AT's should remain under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Health Services or moved to the Texas Medical Board.
- United States President, Barak Obama, recently supported an initiative for youth sports safety. NATA, in collaboration with the Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society, will support a national initiative to place athletic trainers in underserved high schools in NFL markets during the 2014 football season.
<http://www.nata.org/nata-news-blog/president-obama-announces-natanfl-collaboration>.
- 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. These members include various medical associations. The list can be found at

<http://www.youthsportssafetyalliance.org/allianceMembers>.

Please strongly consider this.

Rob Sandmann

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I urge you to keep the Texas Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers within the Department of State Health Services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree