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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:

Texas was the first state to license athletic trainers in 1971 and the Advisory Board of AT's (ABAT) have lead the nation since with their comprehensive candidate screening & state exam and updated practice act.

I whole heartily disagree with recommendation of phasing out of the ABAT and placing it under the TDLR. Would the new large umbrella type board of TDLR have the time and expertise to keep abreast of Texas laws, such as HB-2038-Natasha's law on concussions and update practice acts? This law was landmark in Texas and national and the ABAT acted accordingly to make sure our licenses are compliant for CEU's. Just one work setting example is athletic trainers are highly skilled health professionals entrusted by School Districts & parents to care for ten's of

thousands of interscholastic Texas athletes. Under the glare of "Friday Night Light," Texas needs the ABAT to ensure the athletic trainers on the sidelines has met the strict requirements to hold an AT license & CEU's as they could be preventing an injury or saving a life in front of a packed stadium.

Do we really want to be asking in 2019, does the AT taking care of our athletes hold a current licence and who is checking to see if they have met their state required Concussion CEU training?

Please do not phase out the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainer!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

American Medical Association included Athletic Trainer's as Allied Health profession in 1990. My recommendation is to place ABAT under the Texas Medical Board as the Practice Act for AT's states, "A licensed athletic trainer prevents, recognizes, assesses, manages, treats, disposes of, and reconditions athletic injuries and illnesses under the direction of a physician licensed in this state or another qualified, licensed health professional who is authorized to refer for health care services within the scope of the person's license."

The Texas Medical Board is the state agency charged with keeping Texas patients safe through the licensure and

regulation of Texas physicians.

As our practice act states, " under the direction of a physician...." so it would ideal to keep the ABAT in tact with its professional & public members and add the oversight of TMB.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and recommendation.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree