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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: In the past, the Sunset Review Commission has rejected the idea of moving the Texas Midwifery Board to the Medical Board or the Board of Nursing. These are not viable alternatives since Licensed Midwives are not doctors, nurses, or physician assistants. Midwives are not medical professionals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: ACOG/TCOG have stated in their comments that there is a conflict of interest due to Licensed Midwives hold the majority on the Midwifery Board. However, doctors hold the majority on the Medical Board and nurses hold the majority on the Board of Nursing. During the last Sunset Review, it was the Sunset Review Commission that chose to give midwives a majority on the Board since other Boards at DSHS and around the country have practitioners from that profession as the majority on the Board. No changes are currently needed to the Texas Midwifery Board and revisions should be discussed during the 2016-2017 review.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree