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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Julia

Last Name: West

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Katy

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: My experience with midwifery care has been exemplary. During my pregnancy in 2011, I was seen by a Certified Professional Midwife. She spent ample time with me at each appointment, often an hour, making sure that my questions were answered. She encouraged me to stay healthy during pregnancy. She knew what I was eating, how I was exercising and was even a listening ear about some emotional issues. She is an excellent resource for knowledge and has many years of experience assisting births. My birth went smoothly with no intervention and I am so thankful for her expertise and wisdom.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No changes are currently needed to the Texas Midwifery Board and revisions should be discussed during the 2016-2017 review. The Texas Midwifery Board should not be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. DSHS is best equipped to regulate health care professions.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree