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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: My husband and I feel that midwifery should stay under the umbrella of DSHS and not move to TDLR for obvious reasons. Why would anyone change midwifery from a medical type profession which is regulated by a group of medical professionals to a group of professions like cosmetology and automotive repair where professionals in those lines of business would supervise medical type professionals. This makes no sense. We hope that the Sunset Commission will not review the midwifery standards and regulations until the previously scheduled 2016-2017 review. There is no need to take the time of the commission and theory of the tax payers to go through this all again, since it has already been set and predetermined by the commission at the last set review. My husband and I had 3 of our 5 children at home with a very experienced, knowledgeable, licensed, and loving midwife in Texas. We were much happier with the care of our midwife and other resources offered with her birth center partners (lactation consultation, lactation classes, birthing classes, refresher birthing classes, sonography,) as well as references to prenatal/postnatal experienced chiropractor, speech- language pathologists that specialize in evaluations and therapies for suck problems, and pediatric dental specialists that specialize in suck problems and dental/ medical solutions) Than with our first two hospital and OB experiences combined. Midwives spend more time taking thorough histories and getting previous records to better treat pregnant patients during prenatal appointments that last for usually 45 min - over an hour for each visit and the patients wait much less than with OB/ Gyn appointments. Midwives are very concerned with patient exercise and daily nutrition and supplements to keep mom and baby healthy during pregnancy and allow full term natural , healthy deliveries. Midwives encourage outside reading, daily food journals, lots of vitamins and supplements to boost health and immune systems of both moms and babies. They also encourage lactation and birth classes, as well as, newborn care for new parents. We loved the involved care of a licensed midwife and her midwife partner and their encouragement of the involvement of the husband or coach and other family or friends. Home birth is very personal, calm, convenient, and less full of hospital/ community germs and infections. Our midwife and her partner were there for hours on birth day... Before, during and hours after the delivery to make sure we are both safe, healthy and comfortable with our health...

And then our midwife returns to check on us the next day, a week later, 2 wks later and 6 wks later. It is so nice to have one professional perform both of our care instead of an OB and a pediatrician separately. Plus, she encourages us to contact her by phone, text, or email with any questions about our health or the baby's health during pre and postnatal times. She is very thorough and timely in her responses and always has resources and references available when needed.

Please maintain these same standards as decided in the last Sunset review of midwifery in Texas so that our family and any other family in Texas can continue to receive the excellent, thorough care of a licensed midwife. Our daughters also hope for this opportunity as they age and marry and grow their families.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: We are happy with the current standards for midwives in Texas and hope they can be maintained and regulated by DSHS.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree