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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Nece

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City: The colony

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Each of my three births with midwives has been great. As a mother as well as childbirth educator, I wholly support the wonderful help midwives provide women during a natural part of our life as well as the current Midwifery Board. Since the midwifery board is not due for review until 2016-2017, I feel that any changes of the board should wait until that review can thoroughly evaluate it. Since midwives provide monitoring and support and refer clients to healthcare professionals when problems arise, I feel strongly that the Midwifery Board should stay under the supervision of the DSHS, where it also has rule-making authority.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Though ACOG and TCOG suggest there is a conflict of interest with licensed midwives majority on the Midwifery Board, I disagree since doctors also hold the majority of the medical board and nurses on the nursing board. Furthermore, licensed midwives are not nurse midwives and specialize in out-of-hospital care, therefore they should not be required to comply with ACME standards or AMCB certification.

I do not believe any changes are currently needed for the Texas Midwifery Board and any revisions should be thoroughly and specifically reviewed in 2016-2017.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree