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Ms. Melton-Kissel earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree at The University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Business Degree at the University of Central Texas (Tarlton State).

Before coming to the DSHS, Ms. Melton-Kissel worked for 13 years at an urban teaching hospital (Austin, Brackenridge Hospital) in obstetrical nursing. Her proudest achievement is when she co-opened the first hospital-based alternative birthing center in Texas in 1979. Ms. Melton-Kissel's TDH/DSHS career began in the mid-1980's in the regulatory arena, surveying free standing birthing centers for compliance with state regulations and quality of service. She also surveyed hospitals, end stage renal disease facilities, home health agencies, abortion facilities, and ambulatory surgery centers.

Ms. Melton-Kissel currently serves as a Major in the Texas State Guard Medical Brigade (Medical Reserve Corps).