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***This newsletter is meant to be shared with at least ten others – copy as needed!***

## THE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO 2017 CONVENTION

On the morning of Saturday, October 14, 2017, there will be 3 workshops and a panel discussion on euthanasia and assisted suicide. This will be followed by a luncheon. The title of the convention is “New Opportunities”. We offer the opportunity to learn and to be able to protect yourself and others.

We chose this topic because our state is being targeted in the legislature to pass a law making assisted suicide legal.

When working to defeat this bill, which did happen, in the 2017 legislative session, it became very clear to me that some “pro-life” supporters believe assisted suicide is okay.

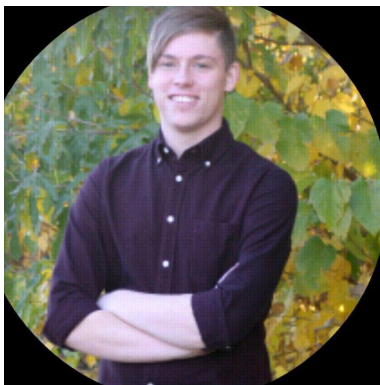
We are hoping to show that not only is it not “okay” but it is very dangerous to people who have trouble with cognitive thinking, or have disabilities or chronic illnesses to be put in the position of being persuaded, pressured or worse in being a victim of assisted suicide.

The whole role of the medical profession will change and the trust of receiving the care we need whether ill or ruled terminally ill may no longer be there.

The speakers we are bringing in will address all aspects from ethical, medical and the moral aspect of assisted suicide. Pain control, bad legislation, money, and attitudes will be addressed.

SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR. EVERYONE READING THIS NEWSLETTER WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS SUBJECT.

## A CHAPTER AT WORK



The Roosevelt/Curry chapter of the Right to Life Committee of New Mexico held an Oratory Contest.

The winner of the contest was sent to the National Oratory Contest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The winner is Tobin Alford, son of Bobby & Corene Alford from Portales, N.M. He is a graduate of Faith Triumphant Christian School. He was elected to the All-

Star Basketball team for the school’s athletic conference this year. He is an accomplished musician and songwriter. One of his songs was chosen to be on a CD produced at a youth song writing camp. He writes his own blog.

The subject of his speech is:

We thank Tobin for his participation. We also encourage other chapters to do what the Roosevelt/Curry chapter did. If enough participate we could have a state contest.

## COMING EVENTS FOR RTLNM

1-JULY 22, 2017 – SPEAKERS TRAINING AT THE RTLNM –STATE OFFICE.  
 TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CALL 505-881-4563 BY JULY 15, 2017: Speakers

training is for those who have the information but need to be taught how to convey it to the different groups, large and small.

2-STATE FAIR: September 7 – September 17, 2017. Volunteer forms are in this edition of Viva.

PLEASE FILL OUT SOON TO GET THE TIME PERIOD YOU WANT, AND IF YOU WANT IT WITH SOMEONE ELSE, PLEASE SEND IN BOTH FORMS EARLY AND TOGETHER. THIS IS TRUE FOR “GROUPS”.

CALL 505-881-4563 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## FUND RAISERS

COOK BOOK: Please send your favorite recipe(s) to RTLNM, 2413 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM. We will sell the books and raise much needed funds. You may e-mail to [info@rtlnm.org](mailto:info@rtlnm.org)

## MEET AND GREET FORMS

Please fill out a form saying you will work at a church service at some time. It is sooo essential that we reach out to people and to involve them in our movement. However, this requires many people to do a little something. When this happens, people become educated, people make good decisions, people reach out to other people. It all starts with US! If you have questions, call 505-881-4563. Or e-mail [info@rtlnm.org](mailto:info@rtlnm.org)

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR- DAUNEEN DOLCE

I respectfully request that you read the whole Declaration of Independence that I have provided which is a transcription of the Stone Engraving Parchment of Independence, now kept in the National Archives Museum. Note spelling and punctuation reflects the original.

Once you have read it, please read or share it with someone who is young. Many are not taught about this document or our government in schools. This document, which the Right to Life Committee of New Mexico bases it’s position of a civil rights approach, verifies that all men are “created” equal – born and unborn.

We thank the good men who wrote, signed and lived this declaration—they risked their lives to give us Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. They gave us a great country.

## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE” A TRANSCRIPTION – FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People

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## Declaration of Independence:.... (cont. from page 1)

to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem mostly likely to affect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpation, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless the people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly for opposing with manly firmness his invasion on the rights of people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out of their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of the legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of the superior to the Civil power. He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of the of Trial by Jury; For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences: For abolishing the free System of English Laws in neighboring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our town, and destroyed the lives of our people. He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which independent States may or right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

**SIGNERS:** **Georgia:** Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall and George Walton **North Carolina:** William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, and John Penn **South Carolina:** Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr. and Arthur Middleton **Massachusetts:** John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine and Elbridge Gerry **Maryland:** Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone and Charles Carroll of Carrollton **Virginia:** George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Francis Lightfoot Lee and Carter Braxton **Pennsylvania:** Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson, and George Ross **Delaware:** Caesar Rodney, George Reed, and Thomas McKean **New York:** William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis and Lewis Morris **New Jersey:** Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart and Abraham Clark **New Hampshire:** Josiah Bartlett and William Whipple **Rhode Island:** Stephen Hopkins and William Ellery **Connecticut:** Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams and Oliver Wolcott

**PLEASE NOTE:** I gave the whole declaration because it is worth reviewing and to look at recent history how the government in our country has done some of the “tyrannical” actions as King George was accused of. The actions taken to destroy innocent human life and the ones that have worked against states from being able to protect those lives shows what happens when a government has strayed from its principles and proper use of its powers.

I also wanted to recognize those signers who upon signing this Declaration made their lives in great danger and they would be charged with treason. They had a strong belief in God and true rights.

May we too maintain these ideas and principles in our everyday lives and in choosing people to act on our behalf in government to have the same convictions.

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD - 2015 ANNUAL REPORT- THEY KILLED MANY BABIES

The abortion chain Planned Parenthood finally released its annual report the end of May 2017, which is four months later than usual. The report shows increases in abortion numbers and taxpayer funding in 2015, alongside decreases in contraception, breast exams and overall patient numbers.

Planned Parenthood continued to maintain its status as the largest abortion provider in the United States. The abortion group performed 328,348 abortions on unborn babies, 4,349 more than the previous year, according to the report.

At the same time, it saw 2.4 million patients, about 100,000 fewer than the previous year and about 500,000 fewer than 5 years ago. Contraception services, which the abortion chain touts as its primary service, also dropped from 2.94 million to 2.8 million during the past two years.

Meanwhile, the abortion chain received more taxpayer funding. The report shows Planned Parenthood receiving \$554.6 million, up from \$553.7 million the previous year. This increase occurred while President Barack Obama was in power.

The pattern is consistent with its annual reports from the past several years. Abortions and taxpayer funding keep going up, while patient numbers and other services go down.

Townhall's Laretta Brown pointed out one of the ironies in the annual report: In the "Message from our Leadership" section of the report, the organization boasts that "thanks to affordable access to effective contraception – we're at the lowest abortion rate since Roe v. Wade was decided."

An interesting claim given the number of abortions the organization provides is up and the number of contraceptive services is down from last year's report.

Abortions are down in the United States as a whole. In 2014, abortion numbers dropped below 1 million for the first time in four decades, according to the Guttmacher Institute. This means Planned Parenthood is performing one third of all the abortions in the U. S.

Yes, Planned Parenthood continues to claim that abortions only make up about 3 percent of its services. Even liberal and mainstream media fact checkers have debunked the claim.

Right to Life of Michigan, which analyzed the latest report, thinks the abortion group may be manipulating its numbers in new ways to maintain its "3 percent" claim. "Planned Parenthood counts certain parts of a procedure or visit as a service. This enables them to count or not count whatever they want. Looking at their annual reports over the years, frequently new categories of services get added to the report out of thin air. Let's use their most recent annual report as an example," the pro-life group wrote on its blog. One new category this year is "well woman exams," which include a pap test, breast exam and other services, according to the group.

"So, Planned Parenthood is counting the exam itself, the breast exam and the pap test as three services, tripling the numbers," according to RTL of Michigan. "...When Planned Parenthood adds all of the numbers up, they get 9,494,977 {total} services, an increase just enough to keep abortion at 3.46 percent of their 'services,' awfully close to the magic 3.5 threshold of having to say '4 percent' instead."

Non-life destroying pregnancy services are extremely low in comparison to abortions. Prenatal care services dropped almost 50 percent in one year, from 17,419 to 9,419, and adoption referrals, while up slightly, remained extremely low at 2,889, according to the report.

Many have speculated that Planned Parenthood did not release its report in January, its usual time frame, because of the on-going battles to defund it by state and federal lawmakers.

A recent congressional investigation into the abortion business involving its sales of aborted baby parts concluded with lawmakers recommending that Congress defund it. Planned Parenthood also has been caught in numerous scandals involving Medicaid fraud and failures to report suspected sex trafficking and sexual abuse of minors.

Earlier this year, Planned Parenthood leaders refused an offer to receive

an increase in taxpayer funding if they stopped doing abortions. CEO Cecile Richards called the offer "obscene" and insulting." Making it very clear that abortions –not women's health care –are what really are important to Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood claims it is an essential provider of women's health care, but its own annual report shows it continues to center its practices around aborting babies.

Article written by Micaiah Bilger – National RTL News – May 30, 2017

## FLAWED "STUDY" CALLS FOR SUPPORTING ABORTIONIST INSTEAD OF PROTECTING WOMEN – By Tatiana Bergum – media relations of NRLC

WASHINGTON – The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of state right-to-life affiliates and local chapters, said on May 9, 2017 that a new "study" issued by the Guttmacher Institute (originally founded as a special research arm of Planned Parenthood), was flawed and misleading and cautioned journalists to avoid accepting Guttmacher's work at face value.

"There's really not a lot that is new here. In this report, Guttmacher simply assembles a lot of its tired old, flawed research to trot out against the latest pro-life legislation that they claim to be 'ineffective' but yet has clearly frustrated their friends in the abortion industry," said Randall K O'Bannon, PH.D., National Right to Life director of education and research. "This research, some as much as 35 years old, not only has basic design and sampling problems, but reached conclusions that are not entirely consistent with their own data." (For examples of some of these flawed studies, please contact the NRLC Communications Department.)

Throughout the report, Guttmacher attacks state laws protecting pain-capable unborn children from abortion, prohibiting the use of webcams as a means to prescribe dangerous chemical abortion pills, and requiring abortionists and abortion clinics meet basic minimum standards to operate. In issuing their full-throated defense of the abortion industry, Guttmacher uses studies to support its conclusions that come from other reports by Guttmacher authors or by authors who are well-known for their pro-abortion advocacy.

"Guttmacher ignores Kermit Gosnell, and other dangerous abortionists like him that have operated with little legal oversight in this country for decades, putting women's lives and health at risk," O'Bannon said. "There are real women who have been injured and died while Guttmacher and the abortion industry looked the other way and touted abortion's safety. They continue to minimize the risk in this latest report, saying that fewer than .03% of women having an abortion require hospitalization. Even if this were true, it demonstrates that to Guttmacher's way of thinking, the 2,700 women requiring hospitalization every year are acceptable collateral damage in the larger effort to protect abortion on demand at all cost."

## DO SUICIDES INCREASE WHERE EUTHANASIA IS LEGAL? – By Margaret Somerville

Neil Frances is correct in criticizing me for a loose statement that "the general suicide rate has increased in every jurisdiction that has legalized assisted suicide."

Although I believe that my statement will prove to be correct, at this point in time, I should have left out the word "every."

One problem in obtaining the required evidence, is that it's difficult if not impossible to know how often physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia (PAS-E) is being used in countries where those interventions are legal to commit what we should view as "ordinary suicide" – if one can ever regard suicide as "ordinary" but for want of a better term.

Two features of legalized PAS-E make "suicide by physician" seem likely: The percentage of death occurring from PAS-E, for instance, in the Netherlands and Belgium, is rising by approximately 10% each year and is now around 4% of all deaths. And the conditions for access to PAS-E are expanding in both jurisdictions. If one is not terminally or physically ill, neither of which is a legal requirement in either country, is euthanasia "ordinary suicide"? And what if a person wants PAS-E because they are just "tired of life" or feel they

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## Do Suicides Increase... (cont. from page 3)

have a completed life as the Netherlands is now contemplating allowing or, as an elderly couple proposed on ABC's Q&A, simply want to avoid going into a nursing home, should these be classified as "ordinary suicide" cases?

Cases in which using PAS-E as a substitute means of suicide seems very likely to have made headlines around the world. They include the deaf Belgian twins who were going blind; the young gender-dysphoric woman with the botched sex-change operation; the anorexic woman in her 20's; the depressed 34 year old Eva, whose death by euthanasia is focused on in real time in the documentary film, *End Credits*, made by Dutch pro-euthanasia advocates; the convicted rapist murder in the Belgium prison.

Dutch Professor Dr. Theo Boer, a former member of one of Holland's five Euthanasia Regional Review Committees (2005-2014) has undertaken a study which will be published shortly which in his words shows the assumption that euthanasia will lead to lower suicide rates finds no support in the numbers. The percentage of euthanasia deaths of the total mortality rate tripled from 1.39% in 2002 to 4.08% in 2016. During the same period, the suicide numbers did not go down. From being 1,567 in 2002, they went up to 1,871 in 2015, a rise of 19.4%. The suicide rates reached a relative low of 1,353 in 2007, compared to which the 2015 numbers constitute a rise of 38.3%. This is even more significant given the fact that from 2007 on euthanasia started becoming available to people with chronic diseases—psychiatric diseases, dementia, and others. In terms of the percentage of the overall mortality of suicide deaths, the numbers went up from 1.01% in 2007 to 1.27% in 2015.

For the sake of comparison, I have looked at the suicide rates of some countries which are close to the Netherlands in terms of ethnicity, age, religion, and language but which with the exception of Belgium, lack the option of euthanasia. If the suicide numbers in the Netherlands have gone up, one would expect, at least a similar increase in the suicide numbers would occur in countries without the option of euthanasia. However... the Netherlands of all countries show the biggest increase in the suicide numbers.

Mr. Francis dismisses researchers David Jones' and David Paton's report on suicide data in Oregon on which I relied to show a rise in the state's suicide rates on the basis that it was "published in a minor journal," the *Southern Medical Journal*. This claim is specious, even if it were a "minor journal." For the record, it is a peer-reviewed medical journal indexed and abstracted in Index Medicus, Current Contents, Science Citation Index, and EMBASE which has published over 45,000 articles. I leave it to other's to decide its status.

Moreover, if Mr. Francis' claim as to its status were correct and if Jones' and Paton's article were, as Mr. Francis describes it, "a wobbly econometric modeling study," it stands to reason that the journal would be more accessible in terms of publishing rebuttals or questions about the article. To date, to my knowledge, no one has done so, not there, not anywhere.

Mr. Francis', at best, woolly statements about what Jones' and Paton's study found need clarifying. They write:

{W} e found that legalizing PAS was associated with a 6.3% (95% confidence interval 2.70% - 9.9%) increase in total suicides (including assisted suicides). This effect was larger in the individuals older than 65 years (14.5%, CI 6.4% - 22.7%). Introduction of PAS was neither associated with a reduction in non assisted suicide rates nor with an increase in the mean age of non assisted suicide.

Conclusions: Legalizing PAS has been associated with an increased rate of total suicides relative to other states and no decrease in non assisted suicides.

As Jones and Patton recall, pundits claimed at the time of the public debate in Oregon about legalizing physician-assisted suicide that having access to assisted suicide would reduce "non assisted" or "ordinary suicide." Which it clearly did not. This is something Australian legislators should note.

I will just mention California which has very recently legalized physician-assisted suicide. There was concern that people who were involuntarily hospitalized because they were mentally ill and "dangerous to themselves [they were suicidal] or others" could not have access to physician-assisted suicide. This is now been "remedied" and a special process was established to allow them to apply to have physician assistance in killing themselves.

In short, ethical decision-making is a complex phenomenon and nowhere more so than when we are making decisions about what should and should not be our societal norms and values – what is ethically right and wrong – including with respect to legalizing the intentional infliction of death through physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia.

Margaret Somerville is Professor in the School of Medicine at the University of Notre Dame Australia

## HEALTH CARE – THE DEBATE GOES ON

The debate on health care in Congress is not centered in the Senate. A House bill has been passed, but there may be a total new bill in the Senate. Action should be taking place soon.

### SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH PLAN

Due to the delay – the "noise" about having a Single Payer Plan" is being heard. This is a dangerous sound as a Single Payer Plan DOES NOT WORK!

First, it's way too expensive. You cannot provide "Free" healthcare to everyone. In California where it is being proposed that everyone, including illegal immigrants get all health care for "free" would cost the state \$400 billion a year. Oh, by the way, the state is the state taxpayers. A huge debt for the governments that go this route.

Not only is the cost phenomenal but health care prices go up, choices go down, and care worsens.

With such high costs, rationing is bound to be in the picture. The government would decide who gets what and if they get what.

Euthanasia and assisted suicide would be encouraged as that would save money.

The truth, there is no such thing as "free" health care, someone pays for it. Also, someone may not get it at all.

## A NEW IDEA THAT CAN BE USED NO MATTER WHAT CONGRESS PASSES DIRECT PRIMARY CARE:

Dr. Tom Pascuzzi has started a new enterprise called GoPrivateMD, and it is based on the direct primary care model. Dr. Pascuzzi, a former Air Force physician, serves both individual clients and employers paying extra to give their workers immediate – and they say less costly – access to urgent care services as well as physicals, flu shots and help setting up wellness programs.

Dr. Pascuzzi charges a flat monthly fee of \$150 to individuals and employers and is easily reached by text, email and cell phone, or talking via FaceTime or Skype. He has fewer patients now so he has more time to spend with each one.

The goal of the direct primary care system is a simple one, they have started offering services on a cash-only basis. They all charge monthly fees instead of accepting insurance, and they offer customers near-constant access rather than an appointment a few weeks out.

A small but growing number of primary care physicians have stopped taking insurance. They are among an estimated 500 practices nationwide, most of which have opened in just the past three or four years, according to *Direct Primary Care Journal*, a trade publication.

GoPrivateMD, which also charges a set-up fee of \$275, is designed for both individuals and employers, even if they already have health insurance. The membership and monthly fee cover most primary care procedures, from physicals, and EKGs to strep tests, stitches and setting sprains, ordering lab work and making referrals to specialists. There are no co-pays, but there are nominal charges for things like supplies used in procedures.

Dr. Pascuzzi's focus is primary care, thus emergency department or a specialist is not covered.

Dr. Pascuzzi who started several urgent care clinics before selling them to Presbyterian Health care Services and used some of the proceeds for his business at 8801 Jefferson NE.

His direct-pay practice offers unlimited visits and 24/7 access. Dr. Pascuzzi wants to cap the self-pay patients to 500 to do justice to their health concerns

So there are new ideas, and ways to get health care at less cost to an individual or a business.

Note: information comes from *Business Outlook* in the *Journal* May 1, 2017

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## **SOME GOOD NEWS! PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP NAMES PRO-LIFE LEADER TO KEY HHS POST, REPLACING A PLANNED PARENTHOOD ACTIVIST: By Steven Ertelt – Life News**

President Donald Trump has named a pro-life leader to a top post at the Department of Health and Human Services, which often oversees and implements policies related to abortion. But the good news doesn't end there, as the new pro-life appointee replaces a staunch abortion advocate who is now a vice-president at the Planned Parenthood abortion business.

On May 31, 2017 he said he would name Charmaine Yoest, the former president of Americans United For Life, one of the most prominent pro-life organizations in the country, to a top communications post at HHS. Yoest would become the assistant secretary of public affairs – a position that shapes communication efforts for the entire agency. Yoest is an HHS political appointee but her appointment does not require Senate Confirmation.

## **SURVEY LISTS THE BEST ORGANIZATIONS IN AMERICA FOR MAKING POSITIVE CULTURAL CHANGE**

The American Center for Law and Justice, the Billy Graham Evangelical Association and Samaritan's Purse, the latter two run by Franklin Graham top the list of organizations that Christians said in the survey by the American Culture and Faith Institutes for making positive cultural change. NATIONAL RIGHT TO Life IS 9TH ON THAT SURVEY.

700 people were surveyed.

## **TEXAS BECOMES THE EIGHTH STATE TO PASS THE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION ACT – REPORTED BY NATIONAL RTL**

On June 6, 2017 Texas Governor Greg Abbott (R) signed into law the ground breaking Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act... The bill S. B. 8, as originally filed was a partial birth abortion ban and regulated the disposal of aborted babies. Pro-life leaders amended the bill to include an amendment that would protect unborn children from the gruesome dismemberment abortion procedure which tears apart living unborn children limb-by limb in the womb. The law goes into effect September 1, 2017.

"The Texas Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act is a vital step in protecting pregnant mothers and their unborn children from being subject to such a dehumanizing experience" said National Right to Life Legislative Director Ingrid Duran. "Texas becomes the eighth state to protect developing preborn children from such a heinous act."

Other states to pass this law are: Alabama, Kansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and West Virginia.

## **TWO MOTHERS- WITH TWO DIFFERENT ATTITUDES AND TWO DIFFERENT OUTCOMES MOTHER STABS HER NEWBORN TO DEATH BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT THE BABY WOULD "HARM HER CAREER –By Micah Bilger –Life News**

A British woman is on trial this week for allegedly stabbing her newborn daughter to death with scissors and then disposing of her body. Prosecutors accused Rachel Julie Tunstill, 26, of Burnley, Lancashire, England, of giving birth to her daughter, Mia Kelly, in her bathroom on January 14, 2017 and then stabbing her 15 times before putting Mia's body in a kitchen bin, the Lancashire Telegraph reports.

According to court testimony, Tunstill told her partner, Ryan Kelly, 31, that she had miscarried their daughter. She also allegedly told him she had had prior miscarriages and did not need medical attention. The express reports Tunstill has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in forensic psychology, and she worked as a manager at a mental health facility.

Prosecutors accused Tunstill of killing her daughter because she was worried about her career. Other court testimony indicated she may have been afraid of losing her job, one day, her boss allegedly told her that there

are strict rules about working in a mental health facility while pregnant and told her to go home if she thought she was pregnant.

Authorities said they learned of the incident after Tunstill went to the hospital on January 16 and told medical staff that she had a miscarriage but did not think it was complete, the report states. Tunstill claimed to be about five weeks pregnant, but medical examinations revealed she was nearly full-term, according to testimony.

Police investigating the incident quickly arrested Kelly, her partner, but they later learned that Kelly did not know anything about the nature of the baby's death, according to the reports. He said Tunstill had told him she had another miscarriage.

According to court testimony, two days earlier on Jan. 14, Kelly was playing video games in their home while Tunstill was in the bathroom. Tunstill allegedly told Kelly she was having another miscarriage and did not need medical attention. At one point, Tunstill allegedly asked Kelly for a pair of scissors.

Prosecutors said Tunstill used the scissors to stab her newborn daughter 15 times to kill her; the baby girl was between 36 and 37 weeks, nearly full term. Authorities also said the baby Mia was alive when she was born. Tunstill told police Mia was not breathing when she was born, and she did not know how to resuscitate her. However, prosecutors pointed to evidence that Tunstill had undergone first aid training for work that included child resuscitation, according to the report.

Here's more from the Telegraph: Giving evidence, Mr. Kelly described how Tunstill made little noise during the three hours she was in the bathroom, but for around 20 minutes he heard an unfamiliar high-pitched sound, 'which was like water being squeezed out of a plastic bottle.' The court heard once Mia was dead, Tunstill wrapped her body in two plastic bags, walked past Mr. Kelly, and place the body in the bin.

Tunstill denies murdering her newborn daughter. Defense attorneys said Tunstill does not remember the details of what happened that day, the report states.

Authorities said they found Internet searches on Tunstill's iPad and cell phone for "bringing about abortion" and other related subjects.

The Jury trial continues in Preston Crown Court as of June 12, 2017.

## **MIRACLE BABY SURVIVES BIRTH AT 23 WEEKS, IN TEARS, MOM BEGS DOCTORS TO AGGRESSIVELY TREAT LITTLE PAIGE- By Dave Andrusko, Editor of NRLC News**

Whatever their positions on abortion, many British newspapers are utterly fascinated by stories of premature babies who are born on the cusp of when it would be legal to abort them (24 weeks).

A recent example is Zoe Ambrose and her daughter Paige. Their story is incredible on multiple levels. Back in 2015, Ambrose was surprised to discover she was pregnant at all, much less 22 weeks along. She told the Mirror

"It was only when I moved house and visited my new GP that I found out I was pregnant. I was shocked." Zoe said she was even more stunned to discover she was 22 weeks along. "It was crazy," she said. "I was still a size 12 and hadn't had any morning sickness or cravings. I was totally unprepared."

But just ten days later she started bleeding at work and was rushed to the hospital where she went into labor. And then devastating news..

"I'd been in labour for an hour before a doctor told me they didn't legally have to save my baby because she was going to be born before 24 weeks" and had a small chance of survival, she told The Mirror's Sophie Evans.

The pediatrician apparently said the hospital would not try to save her daughter unless she "came out trying to breathe." But he said they would relieve any suffering. "He told me my baby only had a 25 per cent chance of survival," Zoe said.

"I couldn't let my little girl die without a fight. I begged them to do everything they could do to save her life and in the end they agreed."

(Later in the story, reporter Evans explains, "Lifesaving treatment is offered only if parents ask for it and the pediatrician feels it is appropriate.)

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Ambrose's labor lasted seven hours—"I was so worried she wouldn't survive. I prepared for the worst," Ambrose told Evans—before Paige was born at Dartford's Darent Valley Hospital in Ken, England. Paige was of course, tiny and "in her first few days, the little girl had hemorrhage in her lungs and a bleed on the brain. She was diagnosed as partially sighted in one eye and, at just three weeks old, had to undergo stomach surgery.

But Paige was nothing if not a fighter. She was transferred to one hospital for specialty care and over the course of more than four months she was transferred between several hospitals. Paige was discharged on December 16, 2015. Evans ends her story on this very encouraging note.

**Today, the tot still needs daily hormone treatment and has an underactive thyroid, but she is regularly checked over by doctors. "Paige will always suffer with diabetes and tests for her eyes are ongoing, but she is expected to live a long and full life" Zoe said. "She is everything to us and the thought that when I first saw her she was as tiny as 10 pound note still amazes me. This year she is off the oxygen."**

**"We didn't know that Paige was coming, but now she's here we are so grateful for our little miracle. Commentary from the editor:**

**The difference between these two women is "love" one had no capacity for loving her child and only had selfish feelings. The other, instinctively, loved her surprise baby and, with much difficulties, gave her life, love and a lifetime. There was no selfishness in this scenario.**

**Indeed, abortion is a selfish act. Love is not selfish, but so very rewarding for all involved.**

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