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*Newsletter of the Right to Life Committee of New Mexico*

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

**STATE FAIR: NEXT MONTH IS THE STATE FAIR. PLEASE NOTE THAT SO FAR NO ONE HAS SIGNED UP FOR THE FAIR. (LOOK AT BOTH SIDES OF THE FORM) PLEASE PICK BOTH A DATE TO BE AT FAIR AND A DATE TO BE TRAINED AND MAIL BACK TO STATE OFFICE; 2413 WYOMING BLVD. NE, SUITE A ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87112. PLEASE NOTE, ON ALL DAYS THERE WILL ONLY BE TWO PEOPLE, A SUPERVISOR AND ONE OTHER VOLUNTEER IN THE BOOTH AS OUR BOOTH WILL BE OUTSIDE AND IS SMALLER. WE HAVE A GOOD LOCATION AND A TENT WITH COOLING AND SECURITY BEING PROVIDED.**  
**THERE WILL BE FREE PARKING AT THE SAN MATEO ENTRANCE WITH SHUTTLES RUNNING ALL DAY.**

**THE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO'S 2017 CONFERENCE – A NEW OPPORTUNITY**

We are ready to have a wonderful, informative state conference on October 14, 2017. We are privileged to have Congressman Trent Franks (R) from Arizona as our Luncheon Speaker. He will share with us the many wonderful things in regard to pro-life legislation that is taking place in Washington D. C.



CONG. TRENT FRANKS is currently serving his eighth term in the United States Congress. He serves on the House Judiciary, in the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, and in the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, where he is the ongoing Chairman. He is a member of the House Armed Services Committee, serving in the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee, and is Vice Chair of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee.

Trent Co-Chairs the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Caucus as well as the Congressional Caucus on Adoption, the Congressional Foster Youth Caucus, and the International Religious Freedom Caucus.

He is the chairman of the National Security Working Group for the Republican Study Committee, taking the lead among the conservative members of Congress on issues relating to national security. Cong. Franks co-chairs both the Missile Defense and the Electromagnetic Pulse Caucuses; he leads the efforts to reduce national security vulnerabilities in our electric energy grids and to increase America's missile defense capability against all enemy missile threats including those potentially launched by jihadists seeking to bring nuclear terrorism to America.

Cong. Franks has spent most of his life working on children's issues and trying to build a better future for all children. Before he was elected to Congress, he served in the Arizona Legislature. He and his wife Josephine are parents of eight-year old twins, Joshua Lane and Emily Grace.

The subject matter of the conference is "Assisted Suicide" and we have speakers that will be able to provide you with much information on a subject of which we all need to become more aware of. The Workshop Speakers are



**BRIAN JOHNSON:**

Author of *Death of a Salesman* and *What's Wrong With Assisted Suicide*. He has served as a California Commissioner on Aging and on California's state Board of Nursing Home Examiners. He is a frequent spokesman on the threat of assisted suicide on Fox News, CNN, ABC's, *World News Tonight*, *PBS NewsHour* and many other programs.



**WILLIAM L. TOFFLER M.D.:**

Dr. Toffler is a Professor of Family Medicine at Oregon Health Science University where he teaches medical students and residents and has a wide scope of practice ranging from delivering babies to geriatric and palliative care.

Dr. Toffler is co-founder and National Director of Physicians for Compassionate care Education Foundation (PCCFEF), a non-profit organization that promotes compassionate care for severely ill patients without sanctioning or assisting their suicide. PCCFEF physicians affirm an ethic based on the principle that all human life is inherently of value and that the physicians' role is to heal illness, alleviate suffering, and provide comfort for the sick and dying.

He is committed to defending the long-standing, medical prohibition against doing harm. He has been a member of the Physicians Resource Council at Focus on the Family for the past 20 years. He has frequently been invited to speak about these and other medical ethical issues at both national and international conferences and to be on U. S. television and radio including NPR, 60 Minutes, Good Morning America as well as international media in Canada, UK and Japan. He is the father of 7 children and the grandfather of 19 grandchildren.

The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico's State Conference will be held at the Elegante Hotel, 2020 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM. That is just east of University Blvd. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. and the Lunch will be at noon. The cost is \$60.00 for the workshops and the lunch if paid by the early registration date by September 29, OR \$70.00 if paid after (up until) October 6, 2017. A reserved table for 8 will be \$500 for the whole event. Reservation forms can be found on the web site or will be mailed in the September Viva Life.

**THE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO'S EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE BOOK**

**This important educational tool that is used by many people, which includes students, is something worthy of your support.**

**If you are a patron or advertiser, you will get a copy of this book which covers many pro-life issues including abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide and much more, will be a very important reference from which**

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**you can be better informed on these subjects.**

**Of course, this is a major fundraiser too. RTLNM maintains an office to carry out all aspects of our organization which is to educate on the pro-life issues, needs the funds to keep operational. We must establish and maintain chapters who in turn educate their districts. We must have a place from which we can establish the lobbying for or against legislation. We must have a base for the Political Action Committee so that efforts can be made to get pro-life legislators elected to the state legislature and the state offices. An office is necessary to maintain our newsletter, our web site and to do our mailings.**

**An office, with only two employees, has been doing this and much more and at times it has been difficult as we survive on donations and memberships ONLY!**

**So donating your tax-deductible dollars to the educational conference book helps many lives and our organization. You can be a patron. You can memorialize someone. You can advertise a business or if you wish to send a personal note, poem, etc., you can do that through the advertisement form.**

**I am asking you to participate in this fundraiser for the many reasons listed. We are all part of the movement and this is one of the opportunities you have to add to that movement and to claim it.**

**In this newsletter, are both a patron and an advertiser form. Anyone wanting a church patron form can e-mail [info@rtlnm.org](mailto:info@rtlnm.org) or call 505-881-4563 and we will provide one.**

**Help us let the truth be heard.**

## **NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION – A SUMMARY OF THE EVENT** **Dauneen Dolce Executive Director**

As a director representing New Mexico, I attended both a board meeting and the National Right to Life Convention in Milwaukee Wisconsin. It was a very good convention with much information and a wonderful positive attitude.

At the board meeting we were apprised of all the activities of the many departments of NRLC and the variety of programs in effect. We were updated on the political activities of the past which were successful. National Right to endorsed 268 federal candidates in 2016. 95% won! The plans for 2017? – to do it again. We can build on both the Senate and the House with pro-life legislators.

The attendance was very good, especially by many young people from around the country who were attending the Teens for Life Convention which was going on at the same time as the adult convention. The teens were in attendance for all the General Sessions. They included Ben Shapiro, Wesley Smith and Ann McElhinney. Ann McElhinney, a best selling Author, Journalist, Film Producer and Director is responsible for the book Gosnell. She now has a movie that will be released in March 2017 based on the factual book. I was able to see the trailer then the movie, starring Dean Cain. I can't express the response from the audience. I heard the teens say "we've got to stop this" and others shocked by what happened in late-term abortionist abortion clinic saying something must be done. Indeed, we at RTLNM are working to bringing the movie to Albuquerque before March. We will be working with other pro-life groups to make this possible. It is hoped that when all is ready YOU will come and see it.

There was only myself New Mexico in attendance to the convention. In the past we have had a few others, but never many. We hope people will come to the Right to Life Convention Committee of New Mexico convention in Albuquerque this coming fall.

There is so much information you can have to help you to convert others to the cause, or at least to learn the issues. Subjects such as the Rise of DIY abortion (do it yourself), How Planned Parenthood is Fighting to Save its Abortion Empire, Are you a Persuasive Pro-Lifer? Tips for Changing Hearts and Minds, Adult Stem Cells: Saving lives now, Beyond Assisted Suicide: Are We Prepared, Aborted Baby Body Parts and Ethical Research, Pro-Life

Concerns about Girl Scouts, and Dying of Thirst! Medicine's Intentional Killing through Dehydration and How to Protect the Vulnerable were only a few of the workshops that were available.

All of you are teachers, but you need the tools to be a good provider of information. You need to be comfortable with truthful facts to help others know that truth and to join us in our endeavor to restore respect for life. Next year the National Right to Life Convention is in Kansas City, plan to come to learn and be surrounded by like thinking people.

## **DID YOU KNOW THAT "GOVERNMENT" IS NOW GOD? By Dauneen Dolce**

We have seen in recent years government decide what we can get be it medicine or treatment. Obamacare set itself up to be God. But now a case in England, and we know there are similar ones elsewhere, is deciding who has quality of life and are ruling against parents who want to take care of their son.

This case, which comes from Great Britain, is about a baby boy whose name is Charlie Gard who is 11 months old and who has been born with a rare disease called mitochondrial DNA. This is caused by a faulty gene which the parents did not know they were carrying. There is no treatment for it in that country but the United States is doing experimental treatment. The boy is on life support. He is said to be in the "terminal stages of the disease." The parents have raised the money for the treatment in the U. S. But Great Britain, with the support of Prime Minister Theresa May, will not allow this to happen. The doctors at the hospital said Charlie should be allowed to die.

On April 11, 2017 the case went to the High Court, which ruled it would be cruel to try to extend Charlie's life.

The parents went to the Court of Appeals, which then upheld the High Court's ruling. The British Supreme Court agreed to review the case, but then ruled that Charlie's life support must be switched off.

The parent's lawyers then went to the European Court of Human Rights to challenge British laws over parental rights. That court ruled on June 27 that they would not intervene, and it was expected that on June 30 life support was to be stopped. The court said they did not believe that the experimental treatment in the U. S. would benefit Charlie, and that it would cause him "significant harm."

In the meantime, President Trump offered help by paying for the treatment at the U. S. hospital. He even offered to ship the experimental treatment drug to the UK to save him. This was denied. The Vatican which asked to have Charlie Gard transfer to its hospital in Italy. This too was denied. It made no difference. The hospital, Great Ormond Street Hospital, said there is a legal problem about Charlie's transfer. The hospital offered the argument that it was protecting Charlie's "best interests". The parents attorneys argue that the hospital was basically holding Charlie hostage, violating several articles under the European Convention on Human Rights, including the rights to life, liberty and family privacy.

Leading pro-life organizations and disability rights organizations have been fighting for Charlie Gard.

Bobby Schindler, Terri Schiavo's brother weighed in on the situation. "The central issue of the Charlie Gard struggle is not rationing, limited resources, or even life support. At issue is whether universal healthcare means that bureaucrats and judges will determine appropriate treatment, or whether parents like Charlie's with energy, finances, and physicians to care for their child will be allowed to do so. We don't need judges posing as anguished moral philosophers, weighing what makes a life worth living. We simply need them to rule on whether mothers and fathers have an inalienable right to care for their own children. Are we better off in a society where government officials are encouraged literally to separate loved ones from each other? Is it better for Charlie Gard to live and die at home with his family, or in a state institution?"

Where are we today? On Monday, July 10, 2017, a high court had a hearing to listen to "new and powerful evidence" information on the case. The parents delivered 350,000 signatures "Citizen Go" petition to Great Ormond Street Hospital calling to allow Charlie to travel for the treatment. We are awaiting a decision.

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In the meantime, the parents said “He’s our flesh and blood; we feel it’s our right as parents to decide if we should give him a chance at life. If he’s still fighting, we’re still fighting.”

They described their son as a “trooper” and “soldier”. His father Chris said “He will fight to the very end but we’re not allowed to fight for him anymore. His mother Connie said “We chose to take Charlie home to die. This is our last wish, if it went this way, the way that it’s gone. “We promised our little boy every single day that we would take care of him. That is a promise we thought we could keep.”

On Thursday, July 13, 2017 a final decision will be made.

**NOTE:** We hope that the Court will give Charlie a chance, or at minimum, allow his loving parents to be with him when he dies. No Court, Judge, Doctor or government should prevent this.

**Information derived from several sources, the main one being the Sun, a London Newspaper.**

### UP-DATE ON Charlie Gard

Charlie is still on life support as of July 20, 2017. He has had a brain scan, the first since April and he has spent six hours with an expert neurologist from the U. S.

Dr. Michio Hirano flew to London and went straight to examine the 11-month-old boy. The Harvard-educated neuroscientist was joined by a doctor from the Pope’s hospital in Rome. They spent five hours with him and studied the brain scan. The results have not been made public, but could be crucial in determining his fate. The family is remaining optimistic.

Dr. Hirano, who specializes in Charlie’s rare form of mitochondrial depletion syndrome, says his experimental therapy has a 56% chance of “meaningful improvement”. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, ten days before Charlie’s birthday, a decision will be made whether or not to withdraw life support.

Meanwhile, U. S. Rep. Jeff Fortenberry

(R) from Nebraska announced “We just passed an amendment that grants permanent resident status to Charlie Gard and family so Charlie can get the medical treatment he needs. It is not known if this action will help in the matter.

### THE END OF A VERY HARD ROAD TO TRAVEL - HAS COME!

The parents of Charlie Gard decided on July 24, 2017 to end the legal fight to take him to the U. S. For treatment.

It is just too late for anything medically to be done. The U. S. Doctor said it was too late to receive the medical treatment and they are no longer willing to offer the treatment.

So the parents are giving up the battle to save Charlie’s life, and will spend the 24<sup>th</sup> being close to him. Then they will take off the life support and he will be in God’s hands.

This gives the appearance that the parents made the final decision. They did not. The decision was made when so much time was taken by the hospital and the courts that prevented a possible move to save Charlie’s life. So Government played God – and Charlie is no longer with us.

### CHARLIE GARD SITUATIONS HAVE HAPPENED HERE TOO – BY WESLEY SMITH

There is a proper international uproar over U. K. doctors winning the right in court to unilaterally remove the infant Charlie Gard from life support.

Some have commented on the case as if that is a product of the UK’s socialized medical system. It’s not. It is a product of utilitarian bioethics advocacy for the right to refuse wanted life-sustaining treatment – called “futile care” – based on the doctor’s or a hospital bioethics committee’s values on the moral worth of the patient’s life and /or the high cost of care.

Whose baby is Charlie Gard anyway?

Similar authoritarian care withdrawals as has been imposed on Charlie Gard have happened here too – and to very ill patients of all ages. I get into a few of these cases involving infants today over at First Thing.

□ There was the Baby Ryan case in Seattle, in which a hospital actually reported a family for child abuse because they obtained an injunction against removing kidney dialysis. In the end, the doctors were wrong that death was imminent. The boy

lived four years as a happy, if sickly child, who loved to give high-fives.

□ The parents of Baby Terry in Michigan were stripped of their parental rights for refusing to consent to withdrawing life support.

□ In Canada, doctors treating Baby Joseph insisted on the right to remove life support from a terminally ill baby and refused a tracheotomy that would have permitted the baby to go home to die with his family. Priests for Life eventually paid for the baby to be flown to the USA for the procedure, which was successful. Joseph died several months later in the parent’s arms.

The Charlie Gard case is unique in only one respect: It is the only futile case I know of which the hospital and the law is preventing discharge to another facility or allowing the patient to go home to die. From, “Whose Baby is Charlie Gard, Anyway?”

The refusal to allow Charlie’s parents to remove their baby boy from the hospital is an act of bioethical aggression that will extend futile-care controversies, creating a duty to die at the time and place of the doctor’s choosing.

And that raises a crucial liberty question: Whose baby is Charlie Gard? His parents? Or are sick babies – and others facing futile-care impositions – ultimately owned by the hospital and the state?

Again, this isn’t about socialism – although that issue is relevant. More, it is about cost containment – including in free market systems – and the attempt by bioethics movements and medical intelligentsia to replace the equality/sanctity of life ethic with a more utilitarian “quality of life” view.

This article was posted by National Review online on July 4, 2017

Wesley Smith is a pro-life attorney who has written many books on euthanasia, etc.

## PATIENTS DENIED TREATMENT FOR CARE, OFFERED ASSISTED SUICIDE –By Dr. Brian Callister

I am a practicing physician in Reno, Nevada working with a diverse group of patients and families. It is now my experience that, since assisted suicide became legal in California and Oregon, the practice of medicine across the West has been irreparably harmed for patients who still want their diseases treated in hopes of a cure or to prolong and improve the quality of time they have left. With assisted suicide; they can now simply be offered the cheaper option of death by lethal drugs.

Because of our proximity to California and Oregon, some of our patients go out of state for treatment that is either not available in Northern Nevada or is closer to their homes geographically. Both California and Oregon have legalized assisted suicide.

In 2016, I worked with two different patients who, in my professional estimation, had a good chance of being cured through a common lifesaving procedure. Without this treatment, these two patients would have been considered terminal. As we no longer perform this particular procedure here in Reno, the patients needed to be transferred to centers in Northern California and Oregon to receive this treatment. We contacted the patients’ insurance companies to request approval for these treatments.

When I spoke with the insurance medical directors of these patients’ insurance companies by telephone on separate occasions to explain the need for the transfers and treatments, both of the insurance medical directors said they would not approve the lifesaving procedures, but then asked me, “Hey, have you considered assisted suicide?”

I was stunned. Neither my patients nor I had requested the lethal drugs for an assisted suicide, yet it was readily offered and covered by these insurance companies – presumably at a less expensive “treatment.”

States that have legalized assisted suicide generally require that patients be diagnosed as having six months or less to live. As many of us in the

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healthcare field know the diagnosis of “six months” or less to live” and being “terminal” are at best educated guesses. Patients may live shorter or longer, often months or years longer, than we expect.

Over the course of my medical practice, I have worked with many patients that have serious and/or terminal illnesses. I have a deep appreciation and understanding of the emotional turmoil. Stress, and immense challenges that they face during a health crisis.

The story I share today is an example of the risks surrounding legalization of doctor-assisted suicide. Those risks and the victims of this dangerous public policy are not limited to the people living in the states where assisted suicide is legal – it affects us all.

**Note: Once you let a foot get in the door, all things progress from bad to worse. First it is an “option” which it is not if you are not counseled, or if you are impaired mentally or physically. Then it moves to you “should” commit assisted suicide. Then it is you “will” and all options are off the table.**

**This is why we must fight so hard in New Mexico to prevent assisted suicide and each person reading this newsletter must get involved to stop it. Call 505-881-4563 to find out what you can do.**

**PS: We want to congratulate the Nevada Right to Life for helping the defeat of assisted suicide in Nevada this past June. The fight goes on.**

## CANADA- A COUNTRY IN CONFLICT OVER EUTHANASIA

Here are two scenarios of this conflict

### CANADIAN MEDICAL KILLERS FORM TRADE ASSOCIATION

– By Wesley Smith

The Hippocratic Oath reads in part, “I will give no deadly medicine to any one if asked, nor suggest any such counsel.” But Canadian death doctors and nurse practitioners who euthanize the sick, disabled, and mentally ill – soon perhaps, also those with Alzheimer’s -- are actively embracing the very lethal act Hippocratic doctors forswore for the protection of vulnerable patients.

How “in” to euthanasia are they? They have formed an association of euthanasia providers –killers, because that is what euthanasia is, killing – called CAMAP, the Canadian Association of MAiD Assessors and Providers. (MAiD stands for “medical assistance in dying.”) The organization’s purpose:

*While we are predominantly an association of physicians and nurse practitioners, anyone interested in supporting this work is most welcome to join our community and become an associate CAMAP member.*

*This includes nurses, pharmacists, speech and language specialists, administrators, law makers,*

*lawyers, social workers, activists, counsellors and more. Already underway are plans for a National*

*Conference on MAiD in 2017 in beautiful Victoria, BC, development of an advisory board, plans for a*

*mentorship program and a newsletter with cross-country information and case reviews.*

*Membership provides you with a reduced rate for registration at our conferences, access to our*

*newsletter, general MAiD news updates, case reviews and an opportunity to join with a passionate and*

*compassionate group of physicians and nurse practitioners doing this vital work.*

Let’s be clear: “This work,” is lethally injecting sick people.

**Note: Maybe these “hitmen” should be HNWT –Have Needle Will Travel!**

### ONTARIO DOCTORS WILL LEAVE THE PROVINCE IF FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN “ASSISTED DYING”

On May 18, the Ontario Legislature rejected Bill 129, the Regulated Health Professions Amendment Act, a bill that was sponsored by Jeff Yurek (MLA) to provide conscience protection for health care workers in Ontario.

The *Toronto Sun* Reported on a press conference organized by the Concerned Ontario Doctors and the Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience that:

*Many physicians “don’t want to make a referral that would result in the death of a patient.”*

*Dr. Kulvinder Gill said, forcing medical workers to participate strips them of their conscience rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. “Access (to assisted dying) must not depend on the physician having a role.”*

Dozens of medical professionals attend the press conference. The *Toronto Sun* article quoted some of the medical professionals as stating:

*Dr. Jane Dobson said she is at a crossroads because she won’t make referrals for assisted dying.*

*“There are palliative-care providers who will be forced to leave (the profession) because of the conscience,” Dobson said.*

*Pharmacist James Brown says he believes drugs should be used to treat diseases – not to kill someone.*

*“They’re never intended to take a patient’s life. Knowing a medication is meant to take a life goes against my core values” Brown said.*

Doctors, nurses and other medical professionals must never be forced to be complicit in acts of killing their patients.

### TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR

Last year, Steve Passmore, who is a disability activist in Hamilton, Ontario, and a board member of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, wrote a letter to his doctor explaining why he opposed euthanasia. His doctor contacted him saying that he also opposes euthanasia and that he would make sure Steve did not die by it. His doctor also assured him that he would add the letter to Steve’s medical file in case another doctor became responsible for his care.

You need to write a letter and speak to your doctor as Steve Passmore did. Why?

1- The letter may help to protect your life.

2- By speaking to your doctor, we can find out which doctors support euthanasia and which oppose the practice.

In your letter, explain that you oppose euthanasia, and even if you should ask for it, treat the request as a cry for help and not death. Ask your physician to attach your letter to your file and then to call you about it. This is an important way to share the names of good doctors with others in New Mexico

**P.S. Give a copy of the Will to Live which the Right to Life Committee of New Mexico will provide (go to web site or come into the office for a copy) and decide what medical treatments or actions you want to have provided to you when you are unable to communicate your wishes no longer.**

**A copy of this Will to Live should go to your primary doctor and to your family member or the person who you put in charge to carry out the wishes of your Will to Live when you can’t do it for yourself.**

**Note: Euthanasia is not legal in New Mexico. However, every day in many hospitals, etc., decisions are being made to end the life of patients without their consent. A letter and a good doctor can make the difference between life and death.**

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN REAL TROUBLE

The defunding of Planned Parenthood is in the Republican healthcare plan – which has not passed as of the date this article was written.

However, that doesn’t say nothing is happening that adversely affects Planned Parenthood – as that is not true.

### AS OF JULY 21, 2017 NO PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLINIC IS IN WYOMING:

Wyoming joins North Dakota in no longer having an abortion clinic in its state. The reason cited is “economics.” The Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, which includes Wyoming, Colorado, southern Nevada and New Mexico, is also closing offices in Longmont and Parker Colorado, and in

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New Mexico, Albuquerque, Rio Rancho and Farmington.

The Planned Parenthood affiliate had other money problems. It has to settle a civil lawsuit alleging that two of its employees failed to comply with Colorado law by performing an abortion on a 13-year-old girl who was sexually abused. The lawsuit said employees neglected to report the abuse of a minor to authorities or obtain consent from her parents prior to performing an abortion.

In the past Planned Parenthood received about \$500 million in federal funding each year for non-abortion services. However, after videos released in July 2015 revealed the sale of baby parts by vice-president and medical director Savita Ginde; donations dropped. Furthermore, a multi-million dollar publicity campaign was put out to the public to control damage done by the video.

Further activities had the Wyoming state legislature pass and sign pro-life legislation by the Republican governor Matt Mead. These were the first restrictions passed in two decades.

Information from Dave Andrusko – National RTL News

### **TROUBLED HARRISBURG ABORTION CENTER CLOSED - by Maria Gallagher**

The sign on the door says it all –the troubled Hillcrest abortion facility in Harrisburg is closed until further notice. The question is why did it take so long?

A 44-page document from the Pennsylvania Department of Health noted the health and safety failures of the long-term abortion operation which included everything from failing to maintain proper medical credentials to maintaining supplies that were 13 years old. Hillcrest also performed a number of abortions without having a nurse present. In addition, staff members failed to undergo criminal background checks mandated for seeing patients under 18 years old.

Following the release of the inspection report several Pennsylvania state senators sent a letter to the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), Karen Murphy, demanding answers.

“These health and safety violations are obviously deeply troubling,” state senators Joe Scanati, Bob Mensch, and John DiSanto wrote. “However, even more problematic appears to be DOH’s response, which was to allow the abortion clinic to continue operating while granting Hillcrest a six month grace period to correct the cited ‘deficiencies.’ To make matters worse, this was Hillcrest’s fourth finding of deficiencies in just the six past years.”

The senators further noted that the General Assembly overwhelmingly passed Act 122 in 2011 to direct DOH to license and inspect abortion facilities in the same way as other ambulatory surgical facilities. “This was done with the intent of ensuring that abortion clinics were meeting basic requirements in order to keep their patients safe. Hillcrest is clearly failing to live up to this standard.

The Pennsylvania senators stated, “...We would like an explanation as to why DOH did not immediately move to suspend or revoke Hillcrest Women’s Medical Center’s license upon finding such numerous egregious violations.”

Hillcrest’s troubles date back at least six years, when the abortion outfit was first cited for safety failures. The abortion center has been cited three times since, with the latest report suggesting that the violations have become more egregious.

Pennsylvania’s Act 122 was a response to the massive tragedy in West Philadelphia, where abortionist Kermit Gosnell was ultimately convicted of murdering three full-term babies whom he delivered alive, and of involuntary manslaughter in the death of a female immigrant patient, Karnamaya Mongar.

Note: Maria Gallagher is the Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.

**PS. There are no inspection laws for abortion clinics in New Mexico. We know what they do in the clinics but we don’t know about the staff, clinic, etc. This needs to be changed and can be with the right legislature.**

**ADMITTING PRIVILEGE LAW FORCES MERRILLVILLE PLANNED**

## PARENTHOOD TO SUSPEND ABORTIONS

The Planned Parenthood facility in Merrillville, Ind. has been forced to suspend abortion procedures after losing its back-up doctor with admitting privileges as required by Indiana law.

Abortion doctors must maintain admitting privileges at a local hospital or have a relationship with a local doctor who can admit patients to a hospital in the same county or a surrounding county to the abortion facility. Admitting privilege laws give continuity of care for a patient in the case of a medical emergency.

In a letter dated July 18, 2017, the Indiana Department of Health (ISDH) informed the Merrillville Planned Parenthood that it is prohibited from doing abortions until it finds a new back-up doctor and the appropriate paperwork is filed with the ISDH to certify the relationship between the local doctor and the abortion facility.

Indiana Right to Life is not aware of why the previous back-up doctor for Merrillville Planned Parenthood terminated his or her relationship with the facility.

“We’re pleased to see Indiana’s admitting privilege law being followed and enforced,” stated Mike Fichter, President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life. “Admitting privilege laws are health and safety measures. In case of an emergency, admitting privileges can make a life or death difference when minutes matter.

“One of Merrillville’s abortion doctors is Mandy Gittler. One only has to look back at Gittler’s record as recently as 2012 to see how quickly emergencies can arise during abortion procedures. In July 2012, Gittler did an abortion on a 24-year-old woman, Tonya Reaves, at a Chicago Planned Parenthood. According to court documents and news reports, Gittler sent Reaves to the hospital following an abortion, where the young woman was pronounced dead in the operating room. An autopsy by the local medical examiner determined Reaves’ death was due to a perforated uterus.

**PS: We don’t have this law either and we know several women have died from abortions done in New Mexico.**

## **PLANNED PARENTHOOD ABORTION CLINICS CAUGHT TURNING WOMEN AWAY WHO WANTED PRENATAL CARE – By Steven Ertelt, LifeNews**

Planned Parenthood is in the fight of its corporate life to save its half billion dollars in taxpayer funding, claiming it needs the money to deliver “vital reproductive health care.” But Live Action has discovered that Planned Parenthood refuses to use those ‘reproductive health care’ tax dollars to help the people who need them the most: pregnant women who choose to carry their babies to term.

Live Action released two videos on June 15, 2017 showing the abortion chain turning away women who want to keep their babies and pushing the only thing it knows how to sell: abortions.

When Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards stated on national television, “Some women also come to us because they have unintended pregnancy, and they need to make a decision, and we counsel them on all their options,” Live Action’s investigative team put her words to test.

These are excerpts from the undercover video:

**Woman (investigator):** “What kind of services do you offer for pregnant women?”

**Planned Parenthood (St. Paul, MN):** “Pregnant women who want to continue with the pregnancy?”

**Woman:** “Yes.”

**Planned Parenthood:** “Um, we don’t offer services.”

**Woman:** “I thought you helped with adoptions.”

**Planned Parenthood (Flagstaff, AZ):** “No, we do abortions.”

**Planned Parenthood (Winston-Salem, NC):** “Termination...that’s the only service we do.”

**Woman:** “There’s no pregnancy support, like, in general?”

**Planned Parenthood (Brooklyn Park, MN):** “We only offer, um, like pregnancy tests and then abortion care, if that’s what you wanted to go with.”

In a second video, former Storm Lake IA, Planned Parenthood manager

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Sue Thayer said that Planned Parenthood's so-called "options counseling" for pregnant women involves pushing them toward abortion. "If that's the once service you offer, that is the service you are going to try to sell," Thayer said.

This matched what was found in Planned Parenthood's 2015-16 annual report. Its 328,348 abortions in 2015 vastly outnumbered its 9,419 prenatal services and 2,889 adoption referrals. The chain aborted nearly 114 children for every one baby it referred out for adoption in 2015. Abortions at Planned Parenthood also increased in 2015, (328,348 in 2015 vs. 323,999 in 2014) despite the Guttmacher Institute reporting that abortions are declining.

"Repeatedly, our investigators went to Planned Parenthood asking for pregnancy support, and repeatedly, they were told they could only get abortions," said Lila Rose, president and founder of Live Action. "Prenatal care and adoption referrals are virtually nonexistent while abortion numbers continue to rise, making it clear that Planned Parenthood's focus – and its push- is abortion. You can't get those kinds of numbers without constantly promoting abortion.

"It's unconscionable that taxpayers are forced to fund an abortion business. But it's also alarming that "Congress shouldn't wait any longer to put legislation on the president's desk to redirect funding away from Planned Parenthood to local health centers that actually provide legitimate primary and prenatal care to women and their families."

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