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KS Planned Parenthood loses federal appeal, ends lawsuit

Kansas has again successfully defeated litigation from abortion interests—our **second win**, with two laws still under challenge.

On May 9, Planned Parenthood of Kansas & Mid-Missouri (PPKMM) **withdrew its litigation** against the state of Kansas for its decision to send Title X federal family planning funds to public full-service clinics.

PPKMM had won the first round with a decision from federal Judge J. Thomas Marten in October 2011, but lost in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals this March, which ruled PPKMM had **no standing to sue the state** for its inability to meet the full-service criteria.

The defense team for the Kansas Attorney General, Derek Schmidt, argued Kansas

had merely prioritized Title X recipients be full-service to best effectuate the HHS Notice of Grant Award to Kansas that itemizes the priorities of Title X beyond family planning to include “overall health,” flu vaccinations, and mental health and social services. PPKMM doesn’t offer those services.



Kansas has approximately 80 public health clinics as well as many other full service health outlets that can provide the elementary examinations, contraceptives and disease testing typically reimbursed under Title X.

Since 2009, the Kansas legislature has annually approved this prioritization of public

clinics—the Kinzer/ Huelskamp amendment **drafted by KFL**; it had been vetoed by Governors Sebelius and Parkinson but **approved in every budget under Gov. Sam Brownback**.

Although the Kansas budget provision on Title X does *not* mention abortion, PPKMM objected that KDHE (the state health department) could not exclude abortion-connected clinics from Title X grants. Marten bought into this abortion-bias argument and erroneously forced KDHE to direct an estimated **one million dollars** over the past three years, mainly to Planned Parenthood of Kansas & Mid-Missouri. A small portion of that funding went to the now-defunct Dodge City Family Planning Clinic, which Marten had added to the initial complainants.

State medical board to appeal Neuhaus-protecting ruling

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts is appealing the March 7 ruling of Shawnee County District Judge Franklin R. Theis that sided with notorious abortionist Kris Neuhaus. **Theis overturned the Board’s July 2012 order to revoke** the license of abortionist Kris Neuhaus. Filings from attorneys on both sides of the case are due at the Kansas Court of Appeals on May 22.

This Neuhaus situation never should have gotten this far. Neuhaus’ incompetence and violations of federal drug law should have resulted in her license revocation in 1998, but the Board at that time was guided by its abortionist-friendly executive director, Larry Buening. Despite violations that deemed her a **“danger to the public,”** Buening helped her keep her license and use it to OK late-term abortions for George Tiller that were banned under state law unless approved by an independent second physician.



Buening

to light in Senate Health Committee hearings under the leadership of now-Senate-President, Susan Wagle. The Board found a new director, and in December 2008, began the process of license revocation for Tiller, for illegal late-term abortions he performed on 11 teens in 2003. The files on those abortions had been obtained—at great professional cost—by former Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline.

The current Board, now guided by yet another executive director, Kathleen Lippert-Seltzer, has spent considerable time and expense prosecuting Neuhaus. The legal charge is that Neuhaus failed to meet the standard of care for patient examination and documentation when “approving” those teen abortions at Tiller’s clinic for reasons of mental health.



Neuhaus

Neuhaus does not currently have a Kansas medical license, but has wrangled a position as a research instructor at the University of Kansas Medical Center’s Department of Family Medicine. At trial, it was revealed that she obtained that position without the required

medical recommendations.

Abortion-friendly judge

Of note is that the Neuhaus-protecting ruling came from Judge Theis—the same judge “holding hostage” the 2011 abortion clinic regulation law.

Theis has refused to move the lawsuit forward that was filed by Overland Park abortionists back in November 2011. With the **law not in effect** due to Theis’ ongoing inaction, the four Kansas abortion clinics don’t have to report abortion injuries to the state, or employ state-licensed physicians with hospital privileges.

Theis almost lost his job in 2004 after public furor over his leniency in sentencing sex abusers. A last-minute TV blitz helped Theis retain his judgeship by a **slim 51% win**. The funding campaign to retain Theis was led by long-time Planned Parenthood attorney, Pedro Irigonegaray, a past partner to Neuhaus’ attorney, Bob Eye.

This should have led Theis to recuse himself from taking both the Neuhaus case and the abortion licensure law case—but it didn’t.



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Our pro-life booths at Cinco de Mayo Festivals around the state reached many thousands of Hispanics with the pro-life message! Children especially loved all the pro-life freebies. A big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who manned our tables!



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Pro-life doctor

gives TV interview

In this recent interview with Univision TV, Doctor Ana Trujillo-Corimanya with Latinos for Life describes the amazing stages of fetal development. Doctor Trujillo also explains how many forms of birth control actually can cause an early abortion by prohibiting the embryo from implanting in the wall of the uterus.



New locations for Wichita and Topeka KFL offices

This spring, the **Wichita** KFL office moved into the Taylor Building at 3301 W. 13th Street. We are still unpacking, but stop by and visit if you are in the neighborhood and we'll give you a tour.

is renovating the former school building (adjacent to the Assumption church location where the annual KFL Rally for Life is held) and has kindly planned an office for us there, ready (hopefully) this fall.

The **Topeka** Kansans for Life legislative office had been looking to downsize, and now our pro-life landlord, Mark Burenheide, has found us a smaller, and ideally located space directly across the street from the new north entrance to the Capitol. Mark

In the interim, the KFL legislative team will work from home, after closing the current 929 South Kansas Avenue office May 30. **The current phone number for the office will still be in service**, but all mail will be forwarded to a post office box.

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Advanced age as reason to die?

By Mary Kay Culp, KFL Executive Director

The Veteran's Hospital scandal has caught my attention as it has for thousands.

But it brought to my mind a 2009 story from National Public Radio entitled "Living-Will Guide For Vets Stirs Health Overhaul Fears." It began:

"A Department of Veterans Affairs booklet is stirring up new controversy over the federal government's role in end-of-life care.

"The document, called *Your Life, Your Choices*, has a worksheet that includes a tough question:

"When is life 'not worth living?'"

Options include:

-- 'I can no longer walk but get around in a wheelchair.'

-- 'I live in a nursing home.'

-- 'I can no longer think clearly — I am confused all the time.'

-- 'I am a severe financial burden on my family.'

-- 'I cannot seem to 'shake the blues.'"

The article ends with this:

"The original VA document, *Your Life, Your Choices* was written in 1997 and has gone through several revisions; this isn't its first brush with controversy.

"Over the weekend, on Fox News Sunday, Tammy Duckworth — a disabled Iraq veteran who is now an assistant secretary of the VA — said the guide was under review. 'We've not used it since 2007 when we decided to go ahead and revise it. This check list is still under revision.'"

"But the guide is still on the VA's Web site. Last month, a VA official sent a message to its doctors, reminding them to urge patients to fill out a living will and recommended the guide.

"In Denver, more than 1,500 members of the Disabled Veterans of America are meeting for the group's annual convention,

"It's a tempest in a teapot as far as I'm concerned, personally,' says Dave Autry, a spokesman for DAV.'

"He says although health care is on the minds of veterans at the convention, the VA guide has gotten almost no attention. And then,

mainly from veterans who worry that it's being used to undermine attempts to change health care.

"There's some people who have expressed concern to us that it's being used by some people as ammunition for the argument that government intervention in health care will result in pulling the plug on granny or maybe in this case on grandfather who stormed the beaches of Normandy. And I think our members, by and large, understand that there are some political undercurrents that are certainly out of our purview.'

Watch the Veteran's Hospital scandal closely.

There are reasons to think that this is no aberration, but exactly what Obamacare has in store for all of us!

"The lobbying group for disabled veterans has no official position on attempts now in Washington to overhaul health care — except that any change protect veterans. And the group is often critical of the VA. But Autry says veterans trust the VA on this issue — because it's been a leader in promoting good geriatric and end-of-life care."

Recent revelations may cause them to rethink that position!

A direct connection to the VA "Guide" comes from an anti-life group we monitor—the Center for Practical Bioethics, which is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri but has national influence. The long-time director of the Center for Practical Bioethics, Myra Christopher, was a Planned Parenthood advisory board member before her 2008 appointment to the Kansas state medical board by her friend, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. In a 2009 speech, Christopher admitted the Center's involvement in end-of-life issues in Obamacare, and dismissed talk of "death panels" claims as "silly".

Yet, one of the Center's three "Caring Conversation" booklets and forms produced in 2008 is named "**Courageous** Conversations" and aimed at "men who served in WWII" in part because of the "harsh reality that an estimated 1,500 World War II veterans die in the U.S. every day..." Guess that's not fast enough in their opinion since their booklet on page 7,

directly preceding the "Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare Decisions" and "Healthcare Treatment Directive" is a question under "About My Healthcare Preferences":

"If you could no longer swallow would you want to be fed, for example, by tube?" Directly below that, it asks:

"Would you want treatments that might prolong your life if you were..."

- 1) No longer able to think for yourself? Yes No
- 2) Comatose and not likely to regain consciousness? Yes No
- 3) Terminally ill or near death Yes No
- 4) Of very advanced age. Yes No"

WHAT? As if the other questions weren't bad enough...**ADVANCED AGE?**

When one finally gets to the "Healthcare Treatment Directive" itself it has as its DE-FULT position: no provision of artificially provided hydration or nutrition...UNLESS, as it says a few lines later:

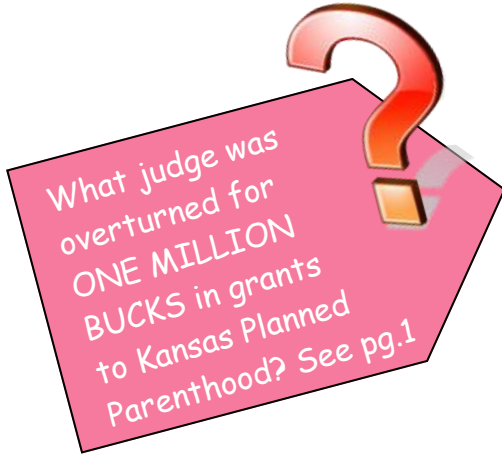
"If you disagree with something on this form, you can cross it out and initial."

In other words, one doesn't opt in if desired, one can only opt OUT!

Thank goodness *my* Dad didn't fill out such a form! Let's see: In his final years, he contracted a bad infection, leading to a semi-coma, causing him to receive nutrition and hydration be obtained by tube for 3 months, before he recovered and ate and drank normally (orally) for two years. But during that time, he was in a wheelchair, living in a nursing home, was a financial burden to his family and occasionally got "the blues" but not often. Some days he didn't "think for himself" and for a month or two before he died he indeed had a "terminal illness." And he was 84. Is that "advanced age" according to the Center for Practical Bioethics? The point is, he loved us and we loved him — and most important— so did the God who created him!

Pay attention to this latest Veteran's Hospital scandal as it may reflect a **pro-death agenda pushed in the form of "helpful" conversations**. And speaking of pushing...I believe even more than ever, it is vital that Obamacare gets pushed over the cliff before, not just our beloved veterans, but all of us are!

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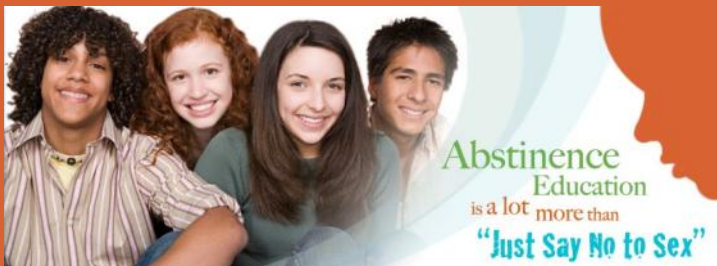


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KFL Member meeting:

7:00 p.m., the second Friday of every month, at the (new) KFL office in Wichita: 3301 W. 13th Street.

All KFL members and friends are welcome. Join us on Friday, June 13 for homemade ice cream and a great discussion time with fellow pro-lifers.



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Mondays: June 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 3301 W. 13th in Wichita. 6:00-8:00 p.m. (includes dinner). Parent info meeting on Thursday, June 5, 7:00-8:30. \$50 per student (inquire about need-based scholarships). This class is aimed at 7th-8th graders, but this is flexible according to the maturity of each individual. Call 316-688-0840 for information.

2014 Kansas Legislative Wrap-up

SB 54 (originally HB 2508) was passed to tweak two small provisions of the 2013 Pro-Life Protections Act to satisfy court concerns: 1) slightly reworded the medical emergency definition across all abortion statutes, and 2) removed one phrase from the link to the state "Woman's Right to Know" online resource site, now required to appear on the homepage of abortion clinic websites.

SB 250 (originally HB 2613) was passed as "Meriden's Law," restructuring the state Vital Statistics document to better acknowledge stillbirths and naturally-occurring miscarriage. Definitions were improved with consistent pro-life language, for example: unborn child, *not* product of conception.

SB 310 was passed to achieve prosecutor-requested changes to the Grand Jury process, but without harming the independence of citizen-petition grand juries used to advance pro-life and pro-family issues.

HB 2577 was passed to amend the state "Safe Haven" law and secure the anonymity of desperate moms who relinquish newborns to the permanent custody of the state for adoption, which occurs 2-3 times each year in Kansas.

Unfortunately, the House did not take up the issue of changing the nomination process for the state supreme court and did not schedule any hearing for HB 2691, designed to fix problems with TPOPP, the death-nudging document pushed by the Center for Practical Bioethics.



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