

Planned Parenthood: Secrecy, Deception and Outright Lies

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Background on Knoxville –

This past December, the Pro-Life Coalition of East Tennessee (ProCET) became aware that Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee (PPMET) had closed its office in the Downtown West development of West Knoxville. After some investigation, we learned that they were temporarily doing business inside the medical office of Dr. Morris Campbell, a surgical abortionist.

Campbell's office was located inside a building owned by a local hospital group. When a ProCET supporter made the hospital group aware of Planned Parenthood's presence in their facility, we were told that the hospital group's legal counsel instructed Planned Parenthood to vacate the premises. According to sources, Planned Parenthood did not comply with this order, but eventually was forced to leave when Campbell's lease was not renewed by the hospital group in late January, 2010.

ProCET subsequently learned that Planned Parenthood was interested in a property, "somewhere on Cherry Street." After individuals spent 2-3 days scouring possible properties, someone in the community revealed that a vacant medical facility at 710 North Cherry Street was being sold. An ensuing investigation determined that this building had been purchased just two days earlier by Leonard Lawson, LLC.

ProCET supporters learned that Leonard Lawson, LLC had been incorporated in November, 2009 in Davidson County, home of PPMET. Records on file with the Secretary of State indicated that the principle address for this business was a residence in Brentwood belonging to the individual listed as the corporation's sole member. Further investigation revealed that this individual, Genie McCord, was in fact, a PPMET employee.

Having ascertained that PPMET had bought this building, we contacted the building's previous owner, Ronald Watkins, to determine what, if anything, he knew about the identity of the buyer. Mr. Watkins assured us that he was told only that the buyer was a medical group out of the Nashville-area. Mr. Watkins said it never occurred to him that this might be an abortion clinic. NAI Knoxville, however, who brought Watkins the transaction, was warned this past fall that PPMET might try to deceive a potential seller by disguising their identity.

Interestingly, the day ProCET held a Press Conference to reveal these findings to the public, PPMET was applying for a building permit. In their application, PPMET utilized yet another business name, "The Lawson Clinic" as the tenant and listed the property's owner as Ronald Watkins, although Leonard Lawson, LLC had purchased the building from Watkins a week earlier.

In the aftermath of the ProCET press conference, members of the press asked Jeff Teague, CEO of PPMET to explain the use of an assumed identity to disguise this purchase. Mr. Teague's response was that this was an ordinary business practice. At first, based on my own experiences in commercial real estate transactions, I disagreed. After doing some investigation, however, I have concluded that for Planned Parenthood affiliates, this is absolutely normal. Secrecy, deception and outright lies are extremely common to the Planned Parenthood business model.

A Pattern of Secrecy, Deception and Outright Lies...

In 2007, Planned Parenthood's Chicago-Area affiliate used the name "Gemini Office Development" to buy property in Aurora, IL. When they applied for a sign permit, they indicated that the tenant was unknown at the time. Similarly, when they applied for a building permit, they indicated that the tenant was not determined.

A story that appeared in the Chicago Tribune on October 1, 2007 uncovered this deception and the story's writer, Dennis Byrne, had this to say about Planned Parenthood...

"Whatever you think about Planned Parenthood setting up an abortion clinic in Aurora, you have to be impressed by the group's mendacity.

That's not surprising because the abortion industry has demonstrated great skill in the arts of deception, invention and omission. Now, thanks to the lengths that Planned Parenthood went to disguise...its new medical clinic, and the breathtaking willingness of its supporters to justify the deception, we have an even better understanding of the depths of the industry's dishonesty."

Justifying his lies to public officials, Steve Trembley, who was CEO of the Chicago-area PP clinics, said that, "the deception tactics were necessary to keep abortion protestors from learning about the clinic and targeting contractors." Trembley also said, "Frankly, I'm surprised we were able to keep a secret for so long."

So, if I understand him right, Mr. Trembley believed that Planned Parenthood had the right to thwart the public's first amendment rights by lying to public officials and being deceptive in its business dealings. Heaven forbid, law-abiding citizens be allowed the opportunity to exercise their constitutional rights.

A Planned Parenthood representative was quoted by the Chicago Tribune as saying, "we followed the letter of the law," perhaps so, but certainly not the *intent* of the law. To Mr. Trembley and Mr. Teague, I say, the ends do not justify the means. Legality should not be confused with ethical.

As I began to learn, in cases all over the country, this has been Planned Parenthood's standard business practice.

In Denver, Planned Parenthood formed a shell company, Fuller 38, to buy property from United Airlines. Several months later, in their application for a building permit, Planned Parenthood listed United Airlines as both the owner and tenant.

In 2008, Planned Parenthood's Cincinnati affiliate called itself a parking garage in order to avoid detection, establishing Auburn Avenue Parking and purchasing property to build a new clinic near one of Cincinnati's predominately African-American high schools.

It begins to become clear, Planned Parenthood is an organization built on secrecy, deception and outright lies.

Planned Parenthood in our Schools...

When ProCET recently learned that Planned Parenthood had been approved to teach sex education in our Knox County schools, we encouraged parents to visit some of Planned Parenthood's teen-oriented websites to learn more about what they want to teach our children.

We posted links to some of the more incredulous information on our NoKnoxvilleAbortion.org website. In response, Planned Parenthood blocked access to their *FYI: Educating Peers about Sex* Facebook group page, and appears to have altered the links and/or content on others.

Mr. Teague, if Planned Parenthood's intentions are so good, and work so respectable, why must it be hidden from the public?

Again, Planned Parenthood is clearly an organization built on secrecy, deception and outright lies.

"Abortion represents just 10% of our work..."

Planned Parenthood clinics all over the country maintain that abortion represents just 10-20% of their work, and while that may be statistically accurate, the mere existence of the "other" work cannot justify Planned Parenthood's killing of more than 300,000 babies in 2008 alone.

Jeff Teague, PPMET's CEO, asserted during the fall 2009 battle that the anti-choice crowd in Bearden was jeopardizing all the good services that Planned Parenthood provided. It's strange that an organization would allow something that presumably makes up such a small piece of their business to dictate whether or not they do the other 90%. I believe it's telling of Planned Parenthood's REAL agenda, which ironically has been confirmed by a former Planned Parenthood clinic director.

Abby Johnson was director of a Planned Parenthood clinic near the campus of Texas A&M University in Bryan, Texas. After her recent conversion to the pro-life movement, Ms. Johnson revealed that she was urged to bring in more abortions in order to increase the clinic's revenue. After her resignation, Planned Parenthood filed for a temporary restraining order against Ms. Johnson, alleging that Planned Parenthood would be "irreparably harmed by the release of certain information" by Ms. Johnson – you think?

As part of Mr. Teague's arguments against pro-lifers this past fall, he asserted that Planned Parenthood offers many discounted services for women who couldn't otherwise afford those services and that the anti-choice movement does nothing to offer solutions. To make that statement, Mr. Teague had to

ignore the many alternatives being provided for the needy women of this community. And, while Mr. Teague's company offers these services at "discounted" rates, many of those same services are available for FREE from other local providers.

Cares for Women...

Planned Parenthood represents itself as an organization that cares for women, but what lies behind the curtain tells a different story. Here are a few examples:

Glendale, AZ

A 12-year-old girl in Glendale, AZ was raped by her foster brother and had an abortion at Planned Parenthood, which never reported the rape to authorities. When the same girl went to Planned Parenthood six months later for another abortion, Planned Parenthood notified authorities and the foster brother was arrested and convicted. A judge ruled that Planned Parenthood was negligent for not reporting the rape the first time.

Northern California

An 11-year-old girl went to Planned Parenthood of the Golden Gate and told personnel that she had been raped, but asked them not to tell anyone, including her parents. The law is clear; regardless of the girl's desires, when an 11-year-old is raped, there are mandatory reporting requirements. In December of 2005, Planned Parenthood of the Golden Gate featured a letter from this same girl on its website. The girl wrote praising Planned Parenthood for helping her keep her rape secret. After a pro-life organization exposed the letter and publicly denounced Planned Parenthood's inaction, the letter was removed from Planned Parenthood's website. The letter can still be found on internet archives.

Cincinnati, OH

A 16-year-old-girl was brought to a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Cincinnati and forced to have an abortion by her father. The girl says she told the Planned Parenthood employee that her father was forcing her to have sex. Planned Parenthood did not report the abuse and the father continued to rape the girl for another year and a half. Four years later at the age of 19, the girl filed a lawsuit against Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio for refusing to report the rape. Ironically, this same Planned Parenthood affiliate was also sued for not reporting the rape of a 14-year-old girl by her soccer coach.

Connecticut

A 22-year-old man was arrested for raping a 14-year-old girl and getting her pregnant three times in six months. The girl's mother alerted authorities, not the abortion facility.

Life Dynamics' important work

Life Dynamics International (LDI) has been a leader in exposing Planned Parenthood's protection of those who prey on our children.

In 2002, LDI conducted an undercover investigation to determine to what extent Planned Parenthood was protecting child predators. A young woman, posing as a 13-year-old girl, called more than 800 Planned Parenthood and National Abortion Federation facilities across the country, telling the clinic personnel that her 22-year-old boyfriend got her pregnant. In the recorded calls, she specifically asked how she could get an abortion without getting her boyfriend in trouble.

In all 50 states, clinic workers are required by law to report known sexual activity between a 13-year-old and an adult, yet LDI's investigation found that 91 percent of the time, Planned Parenthood advised the girl on how to protect the child predator – either agreeing to hide it or asking her to call back and not give the facts.

Live Action work

Lila Rose, founder of Live Action, a student-led effort at UCLA, launched an undercover investigation of Planned Parenthood clinics all over the US – one of them in Memphis. In the video-taped conversations with PP staff, she portrayed a 13 year, whose 31 year old boyfriend had gotten her pregnant. What did she learn?

The clinic's staff coached Ms. Rose on how to lie to a judge in order to obtain a waiver of the state's parental notification laws and coached her on how to keep the age of her assailant a secret. Consistent with other findings, Planned Parenthood's Memphis affiliate did not report this apparent sexual abuse as was required by Tennessee law.

As a result of Ms. Rose's work, Planned Parenthood's Birmingham, AL affiliate was recently placed on suspension by the Alabama State Board of Health due to similar abuses of state laws.

Ms. Rose discovered similar results in almost every location she visited, in places like Pheonix, Tuscon, Bloomington, and Indianapolis, just to name a few.

I don't know about you, but this does not sound like an organization that cares for women, it sounds like an organization that uses women and protects their assailants. After all, sexual predators create some of Planned Parenthood's best clients.

Planned Parenthood, through a variety of means, encourages young girls to experiment with sex, and tells them condoms will protect them from unwanted pregnancy and STDs – yet research reported by the New England Journal of Medicine indicates that even when used properly, condoms fail 10% of the time. When used incorrectly, the numbers are much higher.

If condoms provided by Planned Parenthood are used, those numbers are likely even worse. A study released by Consumer Reports revealed that one of Planned Parenthood's most popular condoms ranked dead last for reliability.

If Planned Parenthood is so genuinely concerned about the welfare of women, why would it encourage them to experiment in dangerous activities and encourage them to place their trust in methods of protection that are so seriously flawed?

Planned Parenthood has also consistently refused to advise its clients of another article from the New England Journal of Medicine, which cites several studies in which post-abortive women were found to have as much as a 50% increased risk of breast cancer.

Does Planned Parenthood sound like an organization concerned about women, or an organization built on secrecy, deception and outright lies?

On Race...

Planned Parenthood has consistently denied having a racist history, yet its founder Margaret Sanger was a racist.

Sanger said that, "We don't want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."

Planned Parenthood denies targeting blacks and other minorities, yet the facts tell a different story. Almost 80% of their clinics are minority neighborhoods, and 37% of their abortions are performed on black women, while those same women make up a scarce 12% of the population.

Despite their rhetoric, this is an organization that kills more African-American's in 4 days than the KKK killed in 150 years.

If anyone doubts the eugenics agenda behind Planned Parenthood, I encourage them to watch *Maafa21*, a documentary filmed by Mark Crutcher and Life Dynamics International. *Maafa21* chronicles the history of Margaret Sanger and Planned Parenthood. It is a film that is changing people's impression of this evil organization.

Conclusion...

Planned Parenthood is an organization built on secrecy, deception and outright lies. All through its history, and all across the country, Planned Parenthood has consistently demonstrated that truth does not matter, parent's rights are not legitimate, and child predators are to be protected. It has proven that it is willing to go to virtually any length to accomplish its objective, including lying to public officials. It has shown total lack of regard for the Constitutional rights of the citizens of the communities in which it seeks to conduct its deadly business. It has exhibited a willingness to expose young children to dangerous sexual practices, even leading them to do so under a false sense of security. And, despite all its efforts to deny the allegations, Planned Parenthood is an organization steeped in racism, targeting blacks and other minorities with the eugenics agenda of its founder, Margaret Sanger.

Does this sound like an organization you want in your neighborhood? I don't know about you, but I wouldn't wish Planned Parenthood on my worst enemy.