

UW Holds Late-Term Abortions as Badge of Honor and An Important Politically Correct Agenda for Madison

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“Despite the flurry of statements and denials regarding abandonment of the late-term abortion plan at the Madison Surgery Center, there are no surprises here,” said Barbara Lyons, Executive Director of Wisconsin Right to Life. “It is no surprise that UW is committed to finding another location for late-term abortions. To them, it is the politically correct thing to do.”

A series of emails exchanged between parties involved in developing the late-term abortion plan were made public. In November of 2008, Dr. Fredrik Broekhuizen of Planned Parenthood chided Drs. Laurel Rice and Caryn Dutton of UW, saying: “...I really think the Madison physician community should step up to the plate...What is wrong with this picture? If Madisonians consider themselves so progressive and that’s how they often talk, why can’t they do this walk?” This was in response to concerns raised by Dutton who said: “Dr. Rice and I are trying to be advocates within these institutions, and I think the vast majority of ObGyns in town are supportive, but other specialties and departments are terrified of having abortion happening in their ‘space.’”

“It is also no surprise that the Madison Surgery Center has been abandoned as the location for late-term abortions to be performed,” continued Lyons. “The fact that the Madison Surgery Center has not performed a single late-term abortion, even though the plan was adopted in February of 2009, suggests that insurmountable obstacles prevented the plan from going forward at that facility,” Lyons states.

Email exchanges and documents from the Madison Surgery Center describe deep division and dissension within that facility over the late-term abortion plan. Officials ask for counts on how many appointments and surgeries have been canceled and discuss ardent opposition to the plan by key medical professionals who utilize the Center.

“Thanks to the thousands of Wisconsin citizens who vehemently oppose this plan, it has been derailed at the first location,” said Lyons. “Wisconsin Right to Life, those citizens, and the groups who kept up a constant stream of opposition are now alert and looking for the next move by UW officials. The abandonment of the Madison Surgery Center is one gigantic step forward but not the final one, and we will be there every step of the way.”

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