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New Dates March 23-27:**

Opening Night Tue, March 23: 3:00-9:00 pm
Entry: \$5.00 (Charge to use a scanner: \$10.00)
Wed., March 24-Fri., March 26: 9:00 am-9:00 pm
Sat., March 27: 8:00 am-12:00 Noon

40 Days for Life Kickoff

Tuesday, February 16, 5:30 pm
Des Moines Pastoral Center
601 Grand Avenue, Des Moines

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Lehman Moves On from IRTL



DES MOINES—Kim Lehman, President of Iowa Right to Life, is leaving to take a new position with the John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute in Iowa City. Her last day with IRTL was January 29.

“It’s a big move,” said Lehman. “I will miss dearly the staff, all the volunteers and so many people who inspired me along the way with their stories and their efforts on behalf of babies, mothers and families in Iowa.”

Lehman has been the Director of Iowa Right to Life since December 2000. As director, Lehman was known for building relationships with various pro-life groups around the state, including the pro-life pregnancy centers. She energized the movement in Iowa with events such as the annual **Prayer for Life** at the State Capitol, a new training program for **Bible Studies**



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Planned Parenthood Seeks More of Our Tax Dollars While Increasing Abortions

DES MOINES – It’s time for Iowans to demand accountability.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa (PPGI—now calling itself Planned Parenthood of the Heartland) is up to its old tricks—looking for new ways to increase its taxpayer-funded income. This time, they are asking the Iowa Legislature to increase the age of state-funded contraception for women from 45 to age 55.

The problem is, Iowa has been paying millions to Planned Parenthood for years, and there have been negative results and no accountability. Both abortions performed by PPGI and sexually transmitted diseases are up sharply in Iowa.

PPGI tripled their income from tax dollars, when the Iowa Legislature passed a Medicaid Waiver which went into effect in 2006. In their fiscal year ending in 2008, PPGI took in over \$4.7 million in Medicaid money. In addition, PPGI had another \$1.1 million in government grants.

Now the Medicaid Waiver is about to expire and PPGI is seeking to have it renewed.

All of this money was supposed to reduce abortions in Iowa, right?

“If you don’t like abortion, then you should love contraception,” Jill June told the *Muscatine Journal* back in 2006.

Before the Medicaid Waiver, Planned Parenthood was aborting an average of 10 children a day in Iowa. Now they are aborting an average of 13 children a day in Iowa. Imagine that—every 48 hours, PPGI kills the same amount of children in Iowa as a future kindergarten class.

Planned Parenthood’s latest annual report, for the fiscal year ending in June 2009, shows an increase in abortions to 4,792, up from 4,401 in 2008. And even more shocking, PPGI for the first time has the more dangerous RU-486 abortions outnumbering surgical abortions in Iowa. (see story on Page 2)

The Missing Link

There is **NO LINK** that shows that increased public funding of birth control decreases the number of abortions. In fact, publicly funded birth control and free condom giveaways may increase abortions and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) among young people, because it gives a false sense of security.

Between 2005 and 2008, the number of cases of women in Iowa with Chlamydia increased from 5,401 to 6,882,

according to the Iowa Department of Public Health. The number of males with Chlamydia increased from 1,994 to 2,490. The majority of these cases were in the 15-19 and 20-24 age ranges.

These numbers are significant, because even when even when condoms are used 100% of the time, they only reduce the risk of Chlamydia infection by approximately 50%. The same is true for gonorrhea and herpes, which are also common to adolescents.

PPGI often claims that “for every \$1 invested in family planning, the state saves \$4.” This is a misleading statistic from the Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, which claims that children of teen mothers will cost the state future “incarceration,” public health care, child welfare and lost tax revenue.

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These hypothetical numbers fail to take into account that teen mothers contribute to Iowa's economic success, because they:

- Are more likely to obtain a GED and work much more over early adulthood than if they delayed childbearing
- May actually achieve higher levels of earnings over their adult lives.
- Give birth to Iowa's future consumers, producers, taxpayers and innovators.

What other state programs do we continue to pour millions of dollars into with negative or "hypothetical" results?

Please contact your state legislators and tell them it is time to get serious about fiscal responsibility and reject PPGI's overtures for more tax dollars.

PPGI's Risky RU-486 Abortions Outnumber Surgical

DES MOINES—For the first time, Planned Parenthood's RU-486 abortions in Iowa now outnumber its surgical abortions.

In PPGI's Annual Report for its fiscal year ending in June 2009, Iowa's biggest abortion provider reported 2,582 RU-486 abortions (abortion pill or "medication abortions") vs. 2,210 surgical abortions. This is up from 2008's numbers where there were 2,146 RU-486 abortions vs. 2,255.

This is a dangerous trend that Iowa Right to Life warned about—that PPGI has been pushing the RU-486 abortions because they are more profitable. The shocking part is that these abortions are more painful, more dangerous and more traumatic for women, since the abortion occurs at home where the woman deals with all the blood alone and may see the body of her child expelled.

PPGI is putting women at even greater risk by ignoring FDA protocol for RU-486, including:

- 1) Prescribing RU-486 medication abortions via internet webcam, without a doctor present in person to examine the woman.
- 2) Prescribing RU-486 medication abortions for women who are 63 days into their pregnancy, which is way beyond the FDA's limit of up to 49 days.

Please contact your state legislators and tell them to support SF 2025--on Abortion Medication and Webcams, to halt the practice of abortions by webcam in Iowa and require abortionists to comply with the Food and Drug Administration's protocol on RU-486.

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Kim Lehman Moves from IRTL to JP2SRI

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for post-abortive men and women, and helped the popular **40 Days for Life** prayer vigil outside abortion clinics take root in Iowa.

Most notable under Lehman's time at IRTL, was the creation of the Pro-life Book Sale that IRTL hosts twice a year to provide book-lovers with an alternative to Planned Parenthood's Book Sale. Last year alone, the book sale brought in close to \$100,000 and the proceeds went to pro-life pregnancy centers across the state.

Well-known for her lobbying efforts in the Iowa Legislature, Lehman fought to curtail taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood and expose Planned Parenthood's evil mission to rollout RU-486 abortions by webcam across Iowa, despite the dangers to women.

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Lehman energized teens and young adults in the pro-life movement by speaking to and mentoring high school and college pro-life groups. She encouraged creativity with a Pro-Life Oratory Contest and a Book Sale Flyer Distribution Contest. She capitalized on the momentum of the young in the pro-life movement, with a hip, new website at www.iowaRTL.org, which serves as a great resource for pro-lifers across Iowa.

In her new position with the John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute (JP2SRI), Lehman will help the non-profit fulfill its mission in advancing adult stem cell research, finding cures with adult stem cells and promoting medical ethics.

"I will always be a part of Iowa Right to Life," said Lehman. "My move to JP2SRI is an expansion of my work in the pro-life movement."

Wish Kim well by e-mail at KLehmanJP2@aol.com or call her at 515.202.2517.

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