

Press Memo
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Questions Concerning Planned Parenthood
to which Vermont Taxpayers Deserve an Answer

- 1) Since Planned Parenthood was able to raise and spend \$450,000 to influence the outcome of the 2016 election, why should they receive an additional \$65,000 in taxpayer funds in the Budget Adjustment Act?

PPNNE has requested an additional appropriation of \$65,000 for 2016. In Vermont alone, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England receives nearly \$2 million annually in State and Federal Funds to provide “family planning” resources to low-income women.

- 2) Is Planned Parenthood held to the same standards as Vermont hospitals regarding the disposition of fetal remains following an abortion? What does Planned Parenthood do with the fetal remains?

Planned Parenthood in Burlington, VT now performs abortions up to 19 weeks after conception.

- 3) Why should Vermont’s federal and state family planning grants be distributed exclusively to Planned Parenthood and not to the full range of providers? Wouldn't it be wiser to invest in health care providers that can meet the long-term needs of their patients?

There are over 40 federally-qualified health centers in Vermont and according to a 2010 report by the pro-choice Guttmacher Institute, the majority of these local health clinics offer services comparable to those provided by Planned Parenthood But in addition, these clinics can provide a more holistic continuity of care. As Vermont’s population ages, the continuity of care becomes increasingly important. Between 2004 and 2015, PPNNE saw the number of patients visiting their facilities decline by 33%. Seventy percent of PPNNE's patients are under 30 years old since they only offer a narrow range of services.

- 4) Are abortions at Planned Parenthood of Vermont performed by physicians? If not, why not?
- 5) Is a decision to have an abortion at Planned Parenthood of Vermont ever arrived at through a discussion “between a woman and her doctor?” How common is it for a Planned Parenthood abortion provider to have had any prior provider-patient relationship with a specific abortion patient?

- 6) Does Planned Parenthood of Northern New England offer real alternatives to abortion in their facilities, such as prenatal care, maternity care, or adoption services? If not, do they have documentation of how many referrals they have made for these services?
- 7) Is Planned Parenthood in compliance with the mandatory reporting of abuse statute (Title 18)? Is there documented proof that those reports of abuse have been made?
- 8) How does Planned Parenthood assess whether the adult who accompanies a minor for an abortion is her parent or a man posing as her father who is attempting to cover up a crime under Title 18?
- 9) Does Planned Parenthood keep accurate medical records of the young girls and women they treat? If so, how long do they keep their medical files before disposing of them? Does PPNNE routinely transfer patient health records to and from primary care providers to ensure comprehensive care?
- 10) How does Planned Parenthood communicate with a minor for follow-up care when her parents do not know that she has had an abortion?
- 11) What does Planned Parenthood do to help a minor who may experience complications following an abortion?
- 12) Why is the current PPNNE CEO's compensation 21% less than the man she replaced?

In 2010, PPNNE hired Steve Trombley as CEO. Trombley's compensation for 2010 was 58% higher than the woman he replaced as CEO.

Megan Gallagher, who replaced Trombley as CEO, received compensation in 2014 that was 21% lower than Trombley received in 2012, his last full year with the organization, and 29% less than the compensation he received in 2010, his first year as CEO.

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