

King County Board of Health

July 2017

Limited Services Pregnancy Centers R&R

Comments and Documents Received

	Organization/Commenter	Date Rec'd	Type	Pro/Con
1	Christina Faucett, Attorney at Law, Renton	13-Jul-17	via email	Con
2	Mary Locke, Federal Way	13-Jul-17	via email	Con
3	Martha McKenna	13-Jul-17	via email	Con
4	Teresa Angeles	13-Jul-17	via email	Con
5	Bev Wennerlind	13-Jul-17	via email	Con
6	Elissa Graves, Alliance Defending Freedom	14-Jul-17	via email	Con
7	Isabella Doxon, Des Moines	14-Jul-17	via email	Con
8	Kim Triller, ED Care Net of Puget Sound	14-Jul-17	via email	Con
9	Franciscan Women's Health Associates Federal Way	17-Jul-17	via email	Con
10	Care Net of Puget Sound Medical Advisory Committee	17-Jul-17	via email	Con
11	Phillip Passantino	17-Jul-17	via email	Con
12	Johanna Wolf, Federal Way	17-Jul-17	via email	Con
13	Catherine Phillips, 98335	17-Jul-17	via PH web	Con
14	Christine Stime, Shoreline	17-Jul-17	via email	Con
15	Geraldine Cappucci	17-Jul-17	via email	Con
16	Dave Stockton	17-Jul-17	via email	Con
17	Jess Johnson	17-Jul-17	via email	Con
18	Alisa Weis	17-Jul-17	via email	Con
19	K-Y Su	17-Jul-17	via email	Con
20	Client testimony's provided by Care Net	17-Jul-17	via email	no opinion
21	Carol McFarland, MN, RN, CNE	18-Jul-17	via email	Con
22	Ted Palmatier, MD 98908	18-Jul-17	via PH web	Con
23	Bob Krajci, Issaquah	18-Jul-17	via email	Con
24	Lisa Mills	18-Jul-17	via email	Pro
25	David McFarland, MD	18-Jul-17	via email	Pro
26	Jenn Banda, ARNP, CNM	18-Jul-17	via email	Pro
27	David Pommer, MD, Selah	19-Jul-17	via PH web	Con
28	Charles Pilcher, MD 98033	19-Jul-17	via PH web	Con
29	Tom Lang, 98033	19-Jul-17	via PH web	Pro
30	Denise Mauldin	19-Jul-17	via email	Pro
31	Mark Gaulke, MD, FAAP, Spokane	19-Jul-17	via email	Con
32	Mark Snell, MD, FACS, FCS (ECSA)	19-Jul-17	via email	Con
33	John G West, PhD	19-Jul-17	via email	Con
34	Susan Rutherford, MD, Seattle	19-Jul-17	via email	Con
35	Harold Gross, 98027	19-Jul-17	via PH web	Pro
36	Hervey Froehlich, MD, Seattle	19-Jul-17	via email	Con
37	Helen Winkler	19-Jul-17	via email	Pro
38	Steven Cook	19-Jul-17	via email	neutral
39	Jean DeWitt, Mill Creek	19-Jul-17	via email	Con
40	CON form letter rec'd by BOH members (1,001 as of 12AM 7/20)	15-Jul-17	via email	Con
41	PRO form letter rec'd by BOH members (46 as of 7/20)	18-Jul-17	via email	Pro
42	Melissa Peterson	18-Jul-17	via email	Pro

Rec'd 7-13-2017
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King County Board of Health

RE: Proposed Rule Requiring Limited Service Pregnancy Centers to Post Notices Stating they are Not Health Care Facilities

I am writing in opposition to the Board of Health's proposed rule which would force many limited service pregnancy centers to post conspicuous notices stating that they are not health care facilities. I am an attorney in Washington who has volunteered as a legal intern with CareNet Pregnancy Centers. As an attorney, I have seen the time and effort pregnancy resource centers put into obeying the varying laws in every jurisdiction in which they reside. Contrary to the claims made by their chief competitor, abortions clinics such as Planned Parenthood and the organizations that support them, pregnancy resource centers provide women with valuable information, choices, and resources.

The organizations supporting this proposed rule state that women have the right to access "comprehensive family planning." But as has been revealed in numerous undercover investigations, many so-called "comprehensive family planning clinics" do not provide services such as mammograms and pre-natal care. I cannot imagine that the King County Board of Health would require such facilities to post conspicuous signs in ten languages indicating that they do not provide such services. Rather than a regulation to promote women's health, this is a barely-disguised attempt to stifle competition from abortion providers.

Finally, it is important to note that similar rules in other jurisdictions have faced serious legal challenges. Currently, a similar law in California is awaiting a grant of certiorari from the United States Supreme Court. It is likely that the court will grant this petition as early as September, and will rule such laws unconstitutional. In the midst of serious health crises facing the county, including the opioid epidemic, the Board of Health has more important things to spend its time and money on than expensive legal battles. The board should focus on the issues that really affect King County residents, rather than sticking its thumb on the scale in favor of controversial organizations trying to stifle their political opponents.

Sincerely,

Christina Faucett
Attorney at Law
Renton, WA

Wood, Maria

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From: Mary <lockemaryj@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 2:33 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Cc: Shell, Bill
Subject: King County Board of Health "BOH 17-04" targeting "Limited Service Pregnancy Centers"



Maria Wood

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Do not discourage or put road blocks in front of this activity.

Mary Locke.
1212 SW 296th St
Federal Way WA 98023
206 595 6620

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Wood, Maria

From: Martha <marthamckn@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: BOH 17-04

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Martha McKenna

Wood, Maria

From: teresa angeles <teresa_m_angeles@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: BOH 17-04

maria.wood@kingcounty.gov

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Sign your name and list your address if you live in King county.

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Wood, Maria

From: Bev Wennerlind <bevwennerl@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 7:06 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: pro life pregnancy centers

You want a big disclaimer from pro life pregnancy resource centers that they are not a medical clinic. It seems to me every time I've ever had any kind of ultrasound it was done in a "medical clinic". They've always been at a doctor's office or a radiology clinic. This is just trying to target pro life centers.

As you and I both know Planned Parenthood does not provide prenatal services nor do they let the woman see an ultrasound. Only the center's staff can see the ultrasound. They won't let the woman see it even if she requests it. They also do not offer mammograms as is sometimes reported that they do. They only "medical services" they provide is terminating a baby's life. They do not help a woman if she decides she wants the baby to live.

This is purely partisan attack on pro life pregnancy centers and favoring Planned Parenthood. If you do this then Planned Parenthood must have signs that they do not offer mammograms nor do they provide prenatal services. They in fact only offer abortions. They are not for "parenthood" they are in it for the money they get for killing unborn babies. This is totally against freedom of speech that is guaranteed by our Constitution. Pro life centers help the woman with the pregnancy and refer her to prenatal clinics and they are being targeted. You must cease this discrimination.

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Maria Wood
Board of Health Administrator
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Re: A RULE AND REGULATION relating to disclosure of information by limited service pregnancy centers, No. BOH 17-04

Dear Members of the Board of Health,

I am an attorney with Alliance Defending Freedom, a non-profit legal organization that regularly represent pro-life pregnancy centers providing care to women experiencing crisis and unplanned pregnancies. I am writing to you to inform you of the legal issues with proposed regulation No. BOH 17-04 regulating “limited service pregnancy centers.”

The proposed regulation violates the First Amendment. Accordingly, most jurisdictions that have passed laws similar to the proposed regulation have largely been struck down as unconstitutional, including an Austin, Texas ordinance in *Austin LifeCare v. City of Austin*, No. 1:11-cv-00875-LY (W.D. Tex. June 23, 2014); a Baltimore ordinance in *Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns v. Mayor & City Council of Baltimore*, No. 1:10-cv-00760-MJG (D. Md. Oct. 4, 2016); a Montgomery County, Maryland ordinance in *Centro Tepeyac v. Montgomery County*, 5 F. Supp. 3d 745 (D. Md. 2014); and a New York City ordinance in *Evergreen Association v. City of New York*, 740 F.3d 233 (2d Cir. 2014).

The Supreme Court has explained that the “right to speak and the right to refrain from speaking are complementary components of the broader concept of ‘individual freedom of mind.’” *Wooley v. Maynard*, 430 U.S. 705, 714 (1977). The First Amendment “presume[s] that speakers, not the government, know best both what they want to say and how to say it.” *Riley v. Nat’l Fed. of the Blind of N.C., Inc.*, 487 U.S. 781, 791 (1988). Therefore, the government “may not substitute its judgment as to how best to speak for that of speakers and listeners; free and robust debate cannot thrive if directed by the government.” *Id.* The First Amendment protects pro-life pregnancy centers—such as those regulated by regulation No. BOH 17-04—from being compelled to engage in government-sanctioned speech. The proposed regulation would force pregnancy centers to post a disclaimer on their building and on all advertising in 10 different languages. This is incredibly burdensome and cannot be tolerated under the First Amendment. Print advertising in newspapers will be virtually impossible, as placing the disclaimer in 10 languages in addition to the



advertisement itself will be cost-prohibitive for most pregnancy centers which are non-profit and offer their valuable services for free. This is an impermissible burden under the First Amendment.

The proposed regulation is impermissibly based on the content of speech simply because it compels the content of what pregnancy centers must say. *See Evergreen*, 740 F.3d at 249 (“mandating the manner in which the discussion of these issues begins” constitutes a content-based regulation). Furthermore, because the regulation only applies to facilities providing pregnancy-related services, the law is impermissibly content-based for that separate reason. “The First Amendment means that government has no power to restrict expression because of its message, its ideas, its subject matter, or its content.” *Police Dept. of City of Chi. v. Mosley*, 408 U.S. 92, 95 (1972). “Content-based regulations are presumptively invalid.” *RAV v. City of St. Paul*, 505 U.S. 377, 382 (1992). Even worse, the proposed regulation discriminates on the basis of viewpoint, because it regulates pro-life pregnancy centers, but exempts abortion facilities pursuant to the “health care facility” exemption. The First Amendment does not tolerate viewpoint discrimination, and viewpoint-based regulations are unconstitutional *per se*: “The Speech Clause has no more certain antithesis” than to “interfere with speech for no better reason than promoting an approved message or discouraging a disfavored one, however enlightened either purpose may strike the government.” *Hurley v. Irish-Am. Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Grp. of Boston*, 515 U.S. 557, 579 (1995)

Importantly, the proposed regulation is much different from the California pregnancy center disclosure law upheld in *NIFLA v. Harris*, 839 F.3d 823 (9th Cir. 2016), *petition for cert. filed*, *NIFLA v. Becerra* (U.S. March 20, 2017) (Docket # 16-1140). Importantly, a lesser standard of scrutiny was applied by the Ninth Circuit because the California law regulated medical professionals licensed by the state. The proposed regulation, however, does not apply based on the licensure of pregnancy centers—the state of Washington does not regulate such centers in the same way that California does—but applies merely because they are providing a particular category pregnancy-related services. Therefore, the highest standard of scrutiny would be applicable, unlike the lower standard applied to the California law. Importantly, *NIFLA v. Becerra* is currently pending on a petition for a writ of certiorari at the United States Supreme Court, and has been listed for the Court’s September 25, 2017 conference. The resolution of that case by the Court could very well mean that the California law will ultimately be declared unconstitutional.



The proposed regulation, if approved, would violate the Constitution, and should therefore not be enacted.

Sincerely,

Elissa Graves
Legal Counsel, Alliance Defending Freedom

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Wood, Maria

From: Isabella <belladox@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 6:41 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: I Oppose BOH 17-04

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Isabella Doxon

27603 10th Ave S.

Des Moines, WA. 98198



July 14, 2017

Dear Ms. Wood,

It has come to our attention that for the past two months Care Net Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget Sound has been named as a potential reason for a Draft Board of Health Rule and Regulation relating to Disclosure of Information. In looking over the agendas, minutes, staff notes, attendees, videos, draft language and amended draft language, we are very concerned by the insinuations and assumptions presented by Legal Voice, NARAL Pro-Choice WA, and Planned Parenthood Votes. The above listed presenters have an interest in the support of free and unrestricted access to abortion services and question the right of other organizations who support a woman's choice to continue her pregnancy.

It is even more concerning that at no time were we, or any of the other Christian agencies on Legal Voice's possible LSPC (as they call us) list, notified prior to, during or after these meetings had taken place. Legal Voice's list targets only Christian agencies that have something to do with the ability of a woman to choose life for her unborn child. These agencies include Maternity Homes, Adoption Agencies, Parenting Support Services, Material Support for mother and child, Childbirth Education Classes, Support Groups for Pregnancy Loss, referrals to life affirming medical providers and other community and state agencies that help women choose to carry to term and choose adoption or parenting. This 17-B14 will directly harm women's opportunities for support in the decision to continue her pregnancy and experience a healthy birth outcome.

Care Net of Puget Sound does not accept any federal, state or local government funding and we don't charge our patients and clients for any of our services. Rather, the value of services received in each of our program services is an average of \$425 per person. With 14,575 King and Pierce County individuals receiving compassionate accurate care in 2016, Care Net provided \$6,194,375 of medical services, maternity and parenting education, family support services/programs, healthy relationships and sex trafficking awareness education and material assistance at no cost to our patients, clients, students, the government or insurance providers.

Attached please find a sheet with quick FACT CHECKS about Care Net of Puget Sound. This is our area of service; not Legal Voice's, NARAL's or Planned Parenthood's. It seems imprudent for the Board of Health to only take the testimony of those that know nothing about our operations, programs and services, or the medical reasons and practices in place by our Medical Directors (who are experts in prenatal, OB and postpartum care). As well as to allow these individuals and organizations to help write the rules and regulations which will

impact agencies like ours by severely restricting advertising and communications and imparting the threat of financial penalties. These penalties which will be based on complaints, not from our patients and clients, but from any individual in the community like the ones who have brought this whole issue to the BOH's attention.

We believe our concerns are well founded. We also believe that there is no risk to a woman's access to abortion services or birth control in King County. We also insure that those who come to Care Net of Puget Sound are well aware of what services we provide and which we do not provide. For example, it is in our procedural flow through, set by our Medical Directors to immediately refer patients who are pregnant to OB/GYNs, Maternity Support Services and, if they lack insurance, help them obtain it. We have an Insurance "Assister" on staff and our MSS referrals help patients to access it as well.

It is our hope that you will take the time to speak with us and determine why. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Kim Triller

Kim Triller
Executive Director
ktriller@carenetps.org
253 383-6033 ext.102

An aerial, black and white photograph of the Seattle skyline, featuring the Space Needle and numerous skyscrapers. A large, white silhouette of a house with a gabled roof is superimposed over the top half of the image, with its base extending over the city.

REACHING OUT

sharing hope | bringing help | saving lives

2016 Annual Report
and Information Booklet



Care Net
OF PUGET SOUND
Pregnancy & Family Services



Elaine came to Care Net as a pregnancy test client. Right off the bat, she stated that, if she was pregnant, she intended to terminate. She is in her 20s and has small children already. She has had multiple miscarriages and previous abortions.

Even though her boyfriend was against abortion, he offered to support any decision she made. Elaine strongly felt that this was not a good time to have another baby; she is living with her parents, trying to finish college and start a career. Care Net had an opportunity to speak truthfully about abortion and share the Gospel with Elaine. It was a blessing to talk about the love and forgiveness of Christ with a woman who needed Him so much.

Elaine's pregnancy test was negative! As she expressed her relief, she also shared that she was carrying a burden of guilt about her prior abortions. The client advocate referred her to the Healing Tide Abortion Recovery Program, prayed with her and offered resources on marriage and living for the Lord. The Holy Spirit worked even through a negative pregnancy test to touch Elaine's heart. She has requested continued mentoring appointments to learn more about Jesus and how to make some healthy lifestyle changes that lead to better decision-making.

Mission Statement

Care Net offers hope by providing compassionate practical care, Biblical Truth and life-affirming resources related to pregnancy, sexual integrity and abortion recovery.

From the Executive Director



"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:13-14

Dear Partners of Care Net of Puget Sound,

We have received so many blessings and such wonderful provision from our Lord through your support in 2016. Because of these bountiful gifts, Care Net's mission continues to be fulfilled in the lives of thousands of people in need. Thank you.

In 2017, we promise to continue reaching out in new locations where our services, programs and care have not been previously offered. In each new place where we serve, we will be sharing hope, bringing help and, by the

power of God, saving lives.

Last week, a young woman came to Care Net. She was very morning sick and didn't want to be pregnant. Because she didn't have any family in the area, she was worried about where to get information, encouragement and support. These factors made her unsure about carrying the baby. When her pregnancy was confirmed, we were there to offer prayer and resources and to immediately place her in Care Net classes that would help her connect with a support network of mentors and other young parents. With the availability of this help, she has chosen life for her unborn child.

With gratitude, we accomplished the following in 2016:

- 97% of women who saw their unborn child via Care Net of Puget Sound's ultrasound machines chose life.
- As God softened hearts, staff and volunteers were bold to present the Gospel. Four times as many women made profession of faith or rededicated their lives to Christ in 2016 as compared to 2015.
- Just before Thanksgiving, Care Net's first Mobile Medical Unit was delivered from Save the Storks. We are completing fundraising for two years of operations cost and staffing of the mobile unit with hopes of beginning to serve women in Seattle by April 2017.
- Care Net now has a presence in the Snoqualmie area at the Family Life Center in Fall City. Working in collaboration with CarePoint Free Health Clinic (a Christian organization), Care Net offers pregnancy testing, options education and ultrasound exams for clients twice a month in that location.

With great expectation, we look forward to the following in 2017:

- Care Net is working to provide programming and support for new fathers. In 2017, Care Net will implement the programs planned by the Men's Task Force. Components include male client advocacy, fathers-only parenting classes and support groups, impact training seminars and post-abortion support for men.
- A steering committee is seeking a location for a new center in the Bellevue area to meet the needs of women in Renton, Redmond, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Bellevue, Issaquah and other Eastside communities. We will begin training those interested in serving in Bellevue beginning this year.
- We will work with churches to implement Care Net's Life Advocate Program to expand our reach to women in the church community.

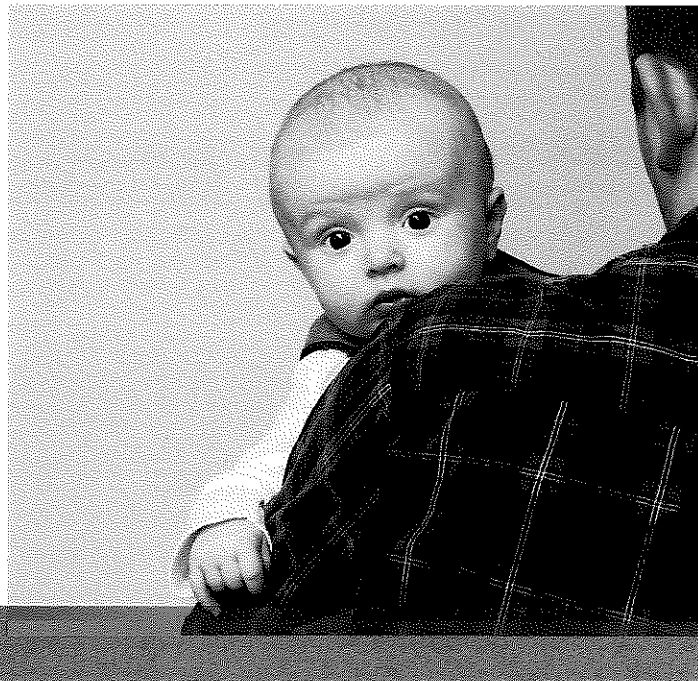
With hearts full of thanksgiving to our Lord, we commend all of you for your part in making Care Net of Puget Sound a ministry that will continue to offer hope, provide compassionate practical care, Biblical Truth and life-affirming resources for those facing unexpected pregnancies, those in need of sexual integrity education and those seeking support and healing from abortion experiences in their past.

May God bless you and enrich you in this coming year.

Kim Fuller

"I came to Care Net with my fiancé about a month before our baby was born. The parenting program has a HUGE impact on my parenting skills. I learned way more than I expected. My male mentor was a God-send. He helped me become a better father and person and helped me in my recovery."

- client comment



Services

Medical Services

24/7 Helpline
Pregnancy Testing
Options Education: Abortion, Adoption and Parenting
Ultrasounds (limited in scope): determining location, gestation & viability
STI Screenings
Medical Consultations
Early Bird Prenatal Classes
Childbirth Education Classes
Breastfeeding Classes
Mobile Medical Unit *Will Begin Serving Clients Spring 2017

*All services are
free of charge*

Family Services

Parenting Classes: Couples, Teen Moms, Individuals
Maternity and Baby Supplies
Community Referrals and Resources
Extended Men's Programming *COMING SOON
Smart Life: Walking together with women for a healthy life

Perinatal Hospice Support - Lavender Tree

Counseling and Trained Bereavement Care
Connections to Community Resources

Pregnancy Loss Recovery - Healing Tide

Support Groups
8-to 10-week Bible Studies
Retreats

Preventative - Smart Programs

Smart Love: Empowering teens to make healthy sexual choices
Smart Home: Equipping parents to support healthy sexual choices
Smart Freedom: Establishing awareness about sex trafficking
Smart Steps: Encouraging teens to lead a holistically healthy lifestyle

Community Outreach

Ambassadors for the Sanctity of Human Life
Regional consulting services for Alaska, Washington, Idaho and Oregon
Collaboration with Youth for Christ, Friends and Servants, Young Life and the YMCA



Community Locations

Federal Way Center
1414 S 324th Street, Suite #B105
Federal Way, WA 98003
253-941-2664
fedway@carenetps.org

Gig Harbor Center
2727 Hollycroft Street, Suite #130
Gig Harbor, WA 98335
253-858-5585
gigharbor@carenetps.org

Kenmore Center
6524 NE 181st Street, Suite #9
P.O. Box 82828
Kenmore, WA 98028
425-398-5820
kenmore@carenetps.org

Now Serving:
Care Net at Family Life Center
36017 SE Fish Hatchery Road
Fall City, WA 98024
425-440-3364 Ext. 176

Lakewood Center
10828 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Suite #101
Lakewood, WA 98499
253-984-6222
lakewood@carenetps.org

Puyallup Center
11102 Sunrise Boulevard E, Suite #107
Puyallup, WA 98374
253-770-8697
puyallup@carenetps.org

Tacoma Center
1924 S Cedar Street, Suite B
Tacoma, WA 98405
253-383-2988
tacoma@carenetps.org

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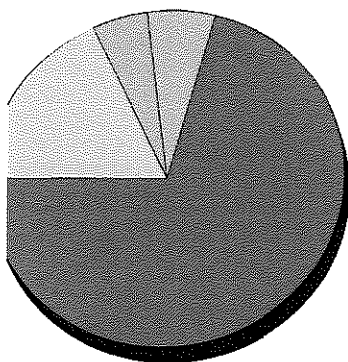
24/7 Helpline: 1-877-NOT ALONE (668-2566)

Client Services Website: carenetps.org



Accountability to Our Supporters

HOW YOU PROVIDED



Direct Support for Ministry: \$1,282,691
Capital Campaign: \$362,549
Other Income: \$3,365

Total Income: \$1,648,605

GIFTS IN KIND

(Equivalent Monetary Value)

Volunteer Hours 22,503 \$530,170

Materials, Furniture & Equipment \$133,531

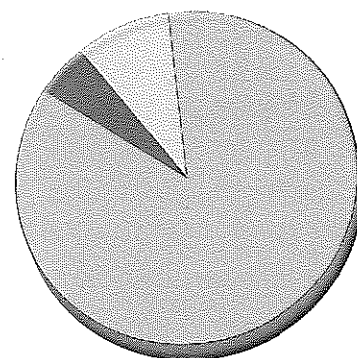
Professional Services (pro-bono) \$40,000

- Individual (71%)
- Church/Religious Groups (18%)
- Business/Fund Drives (5%)
- Foundations (6%)

HOW WE USED YOUR GIFTS

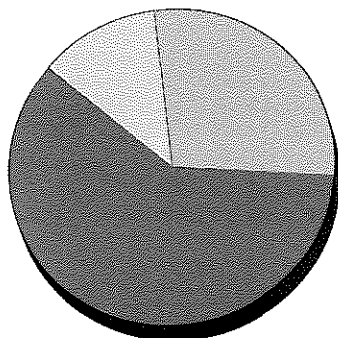
Expense: \$1,488,247

- Programs (86%)
- Fundraising (5%)
- Administrative (9%)



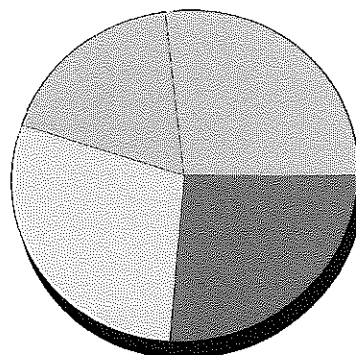
Financial review available upon request.

Client Profile



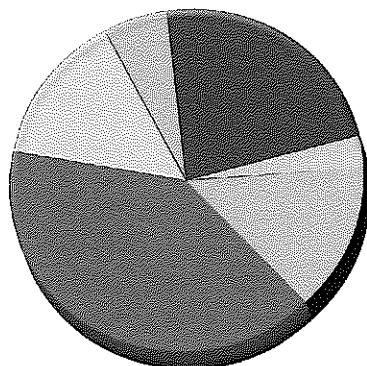
Marital Status

- Single (60%)
- Cohabiting (12%)
- Married (28%)



Age

- 15-19 yrs (18%)
- 20-24 yrs (29%)
- 25-29 yrs (26%)
- 30+ yrs (27%)



Race

- African American (14%)
- Asian (6%)
- Caucasian (40%)
- Hispanic (14%)
- Multiracial (23%)
- Native American (3%)

Clients and Patients Served

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED IN 2016:

14,575



Total Pregnancy/Medical Patients Served 2147

Pregnancy Test and Education Clients 1165
Ultrasound Appointments 697

** 97% chose life for their unborn child*

STI Screenings 46
Medical Consultations 125
Early Bird Prenatal Class Patients 45
Childbirth Education Patients 73
Breastfeeding Education 15

Family Services Clients Served

Parenting Class Participants 2260
Material Support 1352
Healing Tide Post-Abortion Recovery 132
Smart Programs (individuals served) 8755

Phone Counseling Opportunities

24/7 Helpline Client Phone Calls 5099
E-Communications 1064

Sharing the Good News

Gospel Shared 752
Spiritual Counsel & Prayer 3965
Professions of Faith in Christ 30
Rededicated Lives 11



Since 1982, over 248,000 individuals have been served by Care Net of Puget Sound.

Smart Programs presentations have been given to more than 181,500 students and adults.

Client Satisfaction

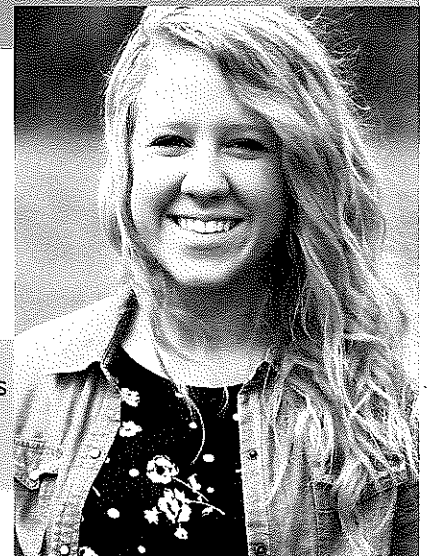
99.5% felt respected during their appointment

99.7% would recommend Care Net to a friend

Less than 1% had a negative comment regarding their visit

"My client advocate was very nice and helped me to see that there are other options to abortion. She provided care and was very understanding and supportive."

- client comment



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Knights of Columbus
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Pediatrics NW
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SAVE Thrift Store, Gig Harbor
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United Way of Thurston County
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 Antioch Bible Church
 Ballard Baptist Church
 Bear Creek Community Church
 Beit Tikvah Messianic Congregation
 Bellevue Presbyterian Church
 Bellevue Seventh-Day Adventist Church
 Bible Chapel of Auburn
 Blessed Sacrament Church
 Boulevard Park Church
 Brooklake Community Church
 Calvary Chapel Bothell
 Calvary Chapel Eastside
 Calvary Chapel North Bend
 Calvary Chapel South
 Calvary Chapel West Seattle
 Calvary Lutheran Church
 Canyon Hills Community Church
 Cascade Covenant Church
 Cedar Creek Covenant Church
 Cedar Park Assembly Of God
 Celebration Foursquare Church
 Central Community Church
 Champions Centre Bellevue
 Christ's Church, Federal Way
 Church by the Side of the Road
 City Church
 Cornerstone Community Church
 Covenant Presbyterian Church
 CrossPointe Church
 Crossroads Bible Church
 Des Moines Gospel Chapel
 Downtown Cornerstone Church
 Doxa Church
 Eastgate Bible Fellowship
 Eastlake Community Church
 East Renton Community Church
 Eastridge Baptist Church
 Eastridge Church
 Eastside Christian Fellowship
 Elevation Church
 Emerald City Bible Fellowship
 Emmanuel Orthodox Presbyterian
 Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
 Epiphany Lutheran Church
 Evergreen Community Church
 Faith Church
 Fellowship Bible Church of Riverton Hts.
 Fifteenth Avenue Bible Church
 Filipino American Christian Fellowship
 First Baptist Church of Federal Way
 First Christian Reformed Church
 First Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 First Presbyterian Church of Seattle
 Foothills Baptist Church
 Foster Tukwila Presbyterian Church

Fountain in the Valley
 Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church
 Grace Church
 Grace Community Church
 Grace Fellowship of Kent
 Greenlake Presbyterian Church
 Highland Covenant Church
 Highlands Community Church
 Highline Christian Church
 Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Hope Fellowship
 I-90 Community Church
 Integrity Life Church
 Kenmore Community Church
 Kent Christian Center
 Korean-American Calvary Baptist Church
 Lakeland Bible Church
 Lakeside Christian Church of Kirkland
 LifeBridge Church
 Lifepointe Community Church
 Lifepoint Foursquare
 LifeWay Church
 Living Hope Christian Fellowship
 Living Hope Free Methodist Church
 Living Hope Presbyterian Church
 Maple Valley Presbyterian Church
 Mountain Creek Christian Fellowship
 Mountain Ridge Community Church
 New Life Church
 Newport Covenant Church
 NextStep Fellowship
 Normandy Christian Church
 Northshore Community Church
 Northside Church
 Northview Community Church
 Northwest Community Church
 Northwest Family Church
 Northwest Foursquare Church
 Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
 Our Savior's Baptist Church
 Overcomer Covenant Church
 Pilgrim Lutheran Church
 Raging River Community Church
 Real Life Church
 Redmond Assembly of God
 Renton Bible Church
 Renton Christian Church
 Resurrection Lutheran Church
 Riverview Community Church
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Sanctuary of Praise
 Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran
 Snoqualmie Valley Alliance Church
 Spirit & Truth Foursquare Church
 Star Lake Church of God



St Joseph Catholic Church
 St Luke's Lutheran Church
 St Philomena Catholic Church
 St Vincent De Paul Parish
 Summit Evangelical Free Church
 Tabernacle Baptist
 Taproot Church
 The Downtown Church
 The Hallows Church
 The Lighthouse
 The Vine Church
 Trinity Baptist Church - Renton
 Trinity Church - Kirkland
 Trinity Reformed Baptist Church
 Trinity West Seattle
 Valley View Christian Church
 Wabash Church
 West Side Presbyterian Church
 Westhill Church
 Westminster Chapel
 Westside Church
 Westwood Christian Assembly
 Woodinville Alliance Church
 Woodinville Comm. United Methodist
 Zion Lutheran Church-Auburn
 Zion Lutheran Church-Kent

Partner Churches

Pierce County

Abundant Life Assembly of God
Allen AME Church
All Saints Catholic Church
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Beit Hallel (House of Praise)
Beit Tefillah
Believers Fellowship
Bethany Baptist Church
Bethel Church of the Nazarene
Bethel Family Fellowship
Bonney Lake Church of the Nazarene
Calvary Baptist Church
Calvary Chapel of Tacoma
Calvary Community Church
Calvary Fellowship, Gig Harbor
Cascade Christian Center
Celebration Center
CenterPoint Christian Fellowship
Central Bible Evangelical Free
Champions Centre
Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church
Christ Centered Ministries
Christ Community Baptist Church
Christ Lutheran Church
Christ the Rock Community Church
Christ's Church at Elbe
Church Club 1
Church on the Rock
City Central
City Gate Church
City Lights Church
Crossroads Church
Destiny City Church
Discovery Baptist Church
Eastside Baptist Church
Eatonville Baptist Church
Eatonville Christian Fellowship
Edgewood Bible Church
Elim Evangelical Free Church
El Shaddai Ministries
Evangelical Reformed Church
Evergreen Baptist Church
Evergreen Community Church of God
Evergreen Presbyterian Church
Experience Church
Faith Community Church
Faith Covenant Church of Sumner
Faith Family Church
Faith Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Bible Church
First Baptist Church of Lakewood
First Baptist Church of University Place
First Christian Church
First Love Church
First Presbyterian Church
Fox Island Alliance Church

Freedom River Outreach
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Gospel Life Church
Grace Community Church of Tacoma
Grace Cornerstone of Praise
Graham Emmanuel Baptist Church
Graham Evangelical Covenant Church
Harbor Christian Center
Harbor Covenant Church
Harbor Life Church
Harborview Fellowship
High Pointe Church
Hilltop Bible Church
Hilltop Christian Center
Holy Disciples Catholic Church
Homespun Ministries
Hope Evangelical Community Church
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Inspiration Bible Church
Joy of Life Church
Lake City Community Church
Lake Tapps Community Church
Life Center (Central, Downtown, Rainier)
Lighthouse Christian Center
Living Grace Ministries
Living Hope Church
Living Way Foursquare
Living Word Lutheran Church
Marine View Presbyterian Church
McKenna Community Church
Mount Tahoma Baptist Church
Myers Road Baptist Church
New Hope Community Church
New Life Fellowship, Graham
New Testament Christian Church
North End Community Church
Northwest Foursquare
Orting Christian Church
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Parkside Church
Peninsula Baptist Church
Peninsula Christian Fellowship Church
Peninsula Household of Faith
Peninsula Lutheran Church
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Portland Ave Evangelical Free Church
Praise Covenant Church
Presbyterian Women
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Puget Sound Christian Center
Puyallup Church of Christ
Puyallup Community Baptist Church
Puyallup Evangelical Comm. Church
Puyallup Foursquare Church - Downtown
Puyallup Foursquare Church - South Hill

Puyallup Nazarene Church
Rainier Hills Christian Fellowship
Rainier View Christian Church
Redeem Church
Redemption Bible Church
Renovo Church
Resurrection Church
Resurrection Presbyterian Church
Rivers Edge Church
Rivers Fellowship
SOMA Tacoma
South Hill Baptist Church
South Hill Christian Church
South Lakeshore Christian Church
Southside Baptist Church
South Tacoma Assembly of God
Southside Baptist Church
Spanaway Christian Center
Spirit & Truth Foursquare
St Andrew Catholic Church
St Charles Borromeo Parish
St John Bosco Catholic Church
St. Leo's Church
St Mark's Lutheran Church
St Nicholas Parish
St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
St Rita's Catholic Church
St Vincent de Paul Parish
Steilacoom Community Church
Summit Christian Center
Summit Christian Fellowship
Sumner Family Church
Sumner First Christian Church
Sunrise Baptist Church
Sunset Bible Church of University Place
Tacoma Alliance Church
Tacoma Bible Fellowship
Tacoma Bible Presbyterian Church
Tacoma Central Seventh-Day Adventist
Tacoma Christian Reformed Comm. Church
Tanwax Country Chapel
The Pathway Church
The Rock of the Harbor Church
Tillicum Baptist Church
Trinity Baptist Church, Lakewood
Trinity Church of Pierce County
Trinity Presbyterian Church
University Place Presbyterian
WayPoint Church
Wellspring Fellowship
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Whitewater Church
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Partner Churches

Surrounding Areas

Grays Harbor County

Set Free Christian Fellowship of Elma

Kitsap County

Beth Yeshua

Burley Bible Church

Christ the Rock Community Church

Free Grace Baptist Church

Manchester Community Church

New Life Church

Olalla Bible Church

Westside Baptist

Mason County

Bridge Community Church

Snohomish County

Brier Community Church

Calvary Fellowship, Mountlake Terrace

Clearview Foursquare Church

The High Point Church

Mountain View Community Church

Northlake Christian Church

New Life Fellowship

Sonrise Christian Center

Westgate Chapel

Thurston County

The Bible Presbyterian Church of

Olympia



"I love Care Net. My client advocate was very nice and helpful. Pregnancy can be very scary regardless if you are planning for it or not. The support from Care Net is amazing and helps ease some of the nerves."

- client comment

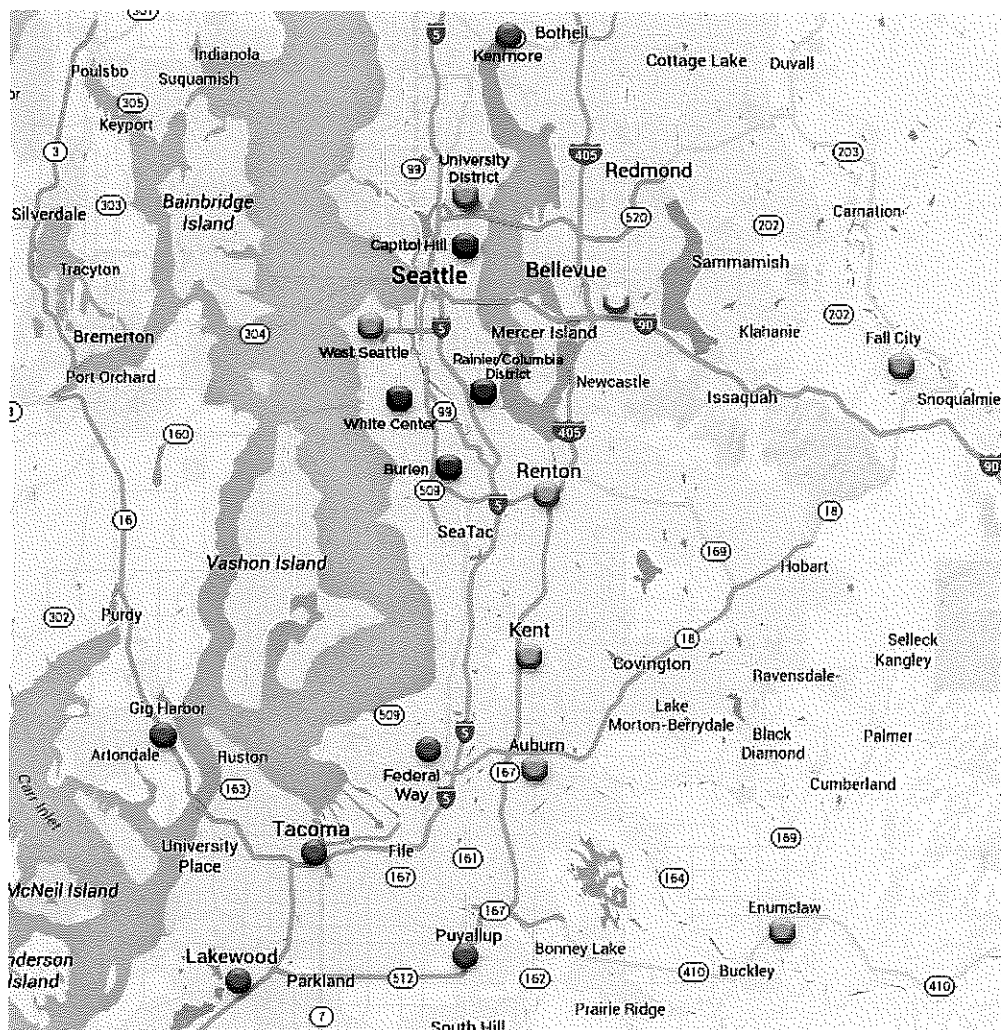
Strategic Vision

Bringing life-affirming hope, care and help to unreached areas



The mobile unit will bring life-affirming services to the following areas:

Seattle Metro | West Seattle | White Center | Rainier/Columbia Districts | Kent | Auburn | Renton
University District | Burien | Bellevue | Fall City | Enumclaw | Eatonville



Current Center Locations

Federal Way
Gig Harbor
Kenmore
Lakewood
Puyallup
Tacoma
Fall City **

**serving in Fall City in partnership with
CarePoint Free Health Clinic at the
Family Life Center.

Map Key

- Current Center Locations
- Future Center/Clinic Location
*Relocating Issaquah Center to Bellevue
- Future Mobile Unit Locations
- Confirmed Mobile Unit Locations

2017 Events

Find a calendar and details for all Care Net events at CarenetpsPartners.org/events

January 22 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)

March 25 Light and Life Banquet
Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center

May 14 Spring Baby Bottle Campaign Kick Off

July 14 Swing for Life Golf Tournament
Washington National Golf Course, Auburn

August 4 4US Lumiglow Fun Run
Ft. Steilacoom Park, Lakewood
(4us.org for details)

August 5 4US Rally Round 4 Ultrasound
Ft. Steilacoom Park, Lakewood
(4us.org for details)

September 10 Fall Baby Bottle Campaign Kick Off



Dear Care Net,

I'm a single mom and have been very sick with my latest pregnancy. I came to Care Net for a pregnancy test and ultrasound and received so much more. I'm a Christian but have drifted away; I would really like to try to 'get back' to living my beliefs. The person I met at Care Net encouraged me in this, and I've recommitted my life to Christ. I went home with a Bible, church referrals and information about growing in faith. Thank you!

Love, Melanie



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The following are quick FACT CHECKS about Care Net of Puget Sound and about access to comprehensive family planning and abortion that I hope you consider before making any decision on 17-B14.

- Care Net of Puget Sound has two Board Certified OB/GYNs that have put their licensure over our medical services. They determine the scope of services at our locations. Our medical professionals that serve in our Pregnancy Centers follow the Policies/Procedures/Protocol/Record Keeping (HIPAA compliant)/Transfers/etc. that our Medical Directors have determined.
- Medical Records and disclosure of information is in accordance with HIPPA, and confidentiality is strictly kept about our patients and clients.
- In addition to the two Medical Directors, Care Net also has the following Medical Professionals serving in our centers: 3 additional Board Certified OB/GYNs, 2 Physicians, 3 Physician's Assistants, 2 ARNPs, 3 RDMS, 16 RNs (14 of whom are trained and certified in Limited Obstetrical Ultrasounds (diagnostic)).
- All Medical Services are provided by medical professionals that meet the requirements for performing the various services that we offer.
- At Care Net of Puget Sound, we work closely with the Department of Health in our areas for STD/STI screening.
- We offer screening for the three most prevalent STI/STDs in our geographic area and refer to the Department of Health for all the other screening and for partner treatment. Laboratories in our areas perform the analysis at no charge and our physicians provide treatment, when needed, for our patients. Partner treatment is provided by the Health Department.
- Care Net refers pregnant women to Maternity Case Management groups immediately following confirmation of pregnancy through diagnostic ultrasound, and gives a list of referrals for OB/GYNs in their geographic area to help with their pregnancy needs.
- Care Net has a Washington State Insurance Assister on staff to help patients apply for insurance. Insurance can be provided through maternity case management and other

agencies as well. No insurance is necessary for services rendered at Care Net of Puget Sound.

- All medical educational information has been approved by our Medical Directors for distribution to our patients. We use cited information and get most from the following sources: WA State Department of Health, the Guttmacher Institute, the CDC. Our Care Net National "Before You Decide" brochure is checked for accuracy often by Care Net National's Medical Director and is updated wherever needed.
- Care Net of Puget Sound also has a 42-member Medical Advisory Council with medical professionals from various fields of medicine. They answer questions our medical professionals may have to help a patient and can be a referral source for our patients.
- Medical Professionals serving at Care Net provide education to our patients regarding the forms of birth control. Because the overwhelming number of our patients are pregnant, the referral to the OB/GYN of her choosing is given. Once referred, the woman is then in the care of another health care provider. We close her case. After delivery, the conversation about birth control methods will be between the patient and her doctor. Care Net Pregnancy & Family Services has never intended to be a family planning clinic nor have we given any of our patients and clients the impression we are.
- Care Net of Puget Sound is earnest in our efforts to insure our patients and clients understand what services we provide and which services we don't provide. "We do not provide abortion nor do we refer for birth control" on every page of our website.. Our staff and volunteers are trained to state that we do not refer for abortion or birth control to those calling for appointments and any time that question is raised. Every client/patient who signs our intake forms must place their initials next to a statement that says that Care Net of Puget Sound does not provide or refer for abortion or birth control. We have a hanging sign stating this at our reception desk. Our commitment of Care and Competency form is also visible at our check in desk for each client to see. Please see the attached samples.
- Each woman that comes in for services is given a brief exit interview after her appointment at appointments and after education classes. In 2016, 99.7 percent of our clients/patients gave our services and staff a very favorable rating. They stated that they felt respected at all times, that they learned something new, made a positive statement on how they felt about their time with their care provider went and whether they would refer a friend or family member to Care Net of Puget Sound. 99.7% of all our patients and clients gave us very favorable responses.
- Seattle- King County women are not being harmed by Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers who help women succeed with positive birth outcomes and provide support and referrals for their lives ahead:

1. NARAL Pro-Choice America grades each state every year on the states abortion friendly laws and ease of access to abortion. This year, the country as a whole was given the grade D-. Washington State was one of two states in the country to receive an A+ rating. Conversely, Americans United for Life rank states on their pro-life friendly laws. This year, as in several years in the past, they gave Washington State the ranking of 50th out of 50. Dead last. There isn't a problem with access to abortion in WA State. This is the most abortion friendly state in the country.

- In King County alone, there are at least 57 OB/GYN locations such as: medical centers, clinics, private practices, hospital affiliated associates. Listed are over 312 OB/GYNs, midwives, PAs, and ARNPs serving the women their local areas.
- In King County alone, there are at least 23 other Woman's Health Care Clinics listed with a minimum of 56 Physicians and other related health care providers serving in those locations.
- There are at least 35 Family Planning Clinics in Seattle and King County including Public Health- Seattle & King County, Planned Parenthood, and Cedar River Clinics.
- Due to a grant from WA State, 13 School Clinics (in high density areas) – High School and Middle school are now established. Students, without their parent's knowledge can get birth control and be taken to abortion clinics for abortions by the staff at these school clinics.
- Pharmacies and drug stores provide these services throughout the county and in many of the name brand supermarkets.

2. The 2015 Washington State Department of Health (most recent) Pregnancy Outcomes report show the following:

- 36% of all the abortions in WA state took place in King County
- There were 1023 abortions for every 1000 live births for young women ages 15-19 years
- There were 662 abortions for every 1000 live births for women ages 20-24 years
- Only 1% of the abortions took place in hospitals, most in abortion clinics or family planning clinics.

3. Women are smart. With all the advertising, promotion in schools, clinics in universities and near them; With Public Health Centers in many low-income areas, With Planned Parenthood commercials, social media, and incredibly successful marketing and communication systems, women who come to Pregnancy Centers have many times told us that they know where to go for family planning. They know where to go for abortions. The REAL problem is for the women who wants to continue their pregnancies and choose to parent or place for adoption. Where will they go if the adoption agencies, pregnancy medical and family service agencies, maternity homes, family support and education services disappear? They were targeted too. One of the saddest statements we at our Pregnancy Medical and Family Services Centers hear from women is, "I had an abortion. I didn't know you existed. I thought I had no choice" We hear that all the time. King County Board of Health, real public health risk is maternal infant care and the need for services life affirming organizations provide. Please do not take away their right to choose.



Our Commitment of Care and Competence

- Clients are served without regard to age, race, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability or other arbitrary circumstances.
- Clients are treated with kindness, compassion and in a caring manner.
- Clients always receive honest and open answers.
- Client pregnancy tests are distributed and administered in accordance with all applicable laws.
- Client information is held in strict and absolute confidence. Releases and permissions are obtained appropriately. Client information is only disclosed as required by law and when necessary to protect the client or others against imminent harm.
- Clients receive accurate information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues, and related concerns.
- We do not offer, recommend or refer for abortions or abortifacients, but are committed to offering accurate information about abortion procedures and risks.
- All of our advertising and communication are truthful and honest and accurately describe the services we offer.
- We provide a safe environment by screening all volunteers and staff interacting with clients.
- We are governed by a board of directors and operate in accordance with our articles of incorporation, by-laws, and stated purpose and mission.
- We comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements regarding employment, fundraising, financial management, taxation, and public disclosure, including the filing of all applicable government reports in a timely manner.
- Medical services are provided in accordance with all applicable laws, and in accordance with pertinent medical standards, under the supervision and direction of a licensed physician.
- All of our staff, board members and volunteers receive appropriate training to uphold these standards.

WELCOME TO CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER

Care Net Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget Sound is a Pregnancy Support Organization. Your pregnancy medical services are provided for you under the direction and license of a Board Certified OB/GYN by medical professionals.

We are not an abortion clinic or a family planning clinic.

- A. All of our services are offered at no charge to our clients and patients. Referrals to a variety of life-affirming prenatal medical professionals, service agencies, and other organizations that offer pregnancy support are gladly given.
- B. We do not perform, provide, refer or in any way help facilitate abortions.
- C. We do not provide pregnancy testing for the obtainment of birth control medication or devices.
- D. As a pregnancy support organization assisting pregnant women, we do not offer or provide referrals for birth control. Once referred to an OB/GYN, a patient's conversations regarding this will be between them.
- E. Care Net Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget Sound reserves the right to refuse service to anyone if we reasonably conclude that a person is here under false pretenses or whose behavior is in any way abusive toward the employees, medical professionals and volunteers serving in the center.
- F. Pregnancy confirmation results are forwarded to life affirming medical professionals, maternity case management groups and insurance providers according to HIPAA standards in a prompt manner. Care Net of Puget Sound's Medical Director reviews all Limited Obstetrical Ultrasounds and patients records according to established policies, procedures, and protocol.

If you have any questions about the information mentioned above, please consult your client advocate, the Pregnancy Center Director or one of the medical professionals serving in the center and we will be happy to assist you in any way we can. Thank you for choosing Care Net of Puget Sound!

CREDENTIALS

Dr. Robert Snyder- medical director; practices at Franciscan Women's Health & Assoc., OB/GYN

Dr. Esther Park-Hwang-medical director; practices at Multi-Care, OB/GYN

Dr. James Wilson- serves in STI clinic; practices at Cornerstone Family Practice

Dr. Jennifer Hartz-serves in STI clinic; practices at Harbor Pediatrics

Dr. Michael Jackson-serves in advisory council capacity

Dr. Kevin Taggart-serves in STI clinic-on call; practices at Sound Family Medicine

Dr. Phil Perkins- serves on call/sychiatry

Kathy Hulet, RN, MN, MA, LMHC- serves on call/professional counseling

Addie Bush, PA- serves in STI clinic, practices at Madigan family medicine

Alma Corpuz, RN,* PA-serves in STI clinic; practices at Multi-Care Urgent Care

Jocelyn Halverson, ARNP*- serves in STI clinic; practices at Evergreen Hospital

Linda Tarbell, ARNP-serves in STI clinic; practices at Multi-Care

Lola Marshbank, RN*- nurse manager full time for Care Net; experience in Home Health with medically fragile children; Maternity Support Services

Sue Anderson, RN*- staff nurse for Care Net; experience in labor & delivery, cardiac, teaching, research

Therese Bentley, RN* – staff nurse for Care Net; experience in ER

Allison Janes, RN* – staff nurse for Care Net; experience in pediatrics

Judi Weldy, - staff for Care Net; experience in midwifery

Debbie Green, RDMS – serves in ultrasounds

Isabelle Bethel, RDMS – serves in ultrasounds; employed by Franciscan Womens Health & Associates

Marylee, Moore, RDMS- serves in ultrasounds; employed by Shelton Clinic

Linda Holland, RN-serves in parenting classes; employed by UW medical center

Laurel Pentecost, RN*- serves in ultrasounds, CBE education

Kathy Absher, RN*- serves in pregnancy testing, ultrasounds

Gretchen Carleton, RN*-serves in ultrasounds: employed by Tacoma General Hospital

Ashley Yerxa , RN* – serves in pregnancy testing, ultrasounds

Joan Hommel, RN-* serves in STI clinic, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds & parenting

Madeline Johannas, RN- serves in parenting classes

Arleen Roots, RN- serves in pregnancy testing, parenting; receptionist; retired military nurse

Doris Tchobanoff, RN*-serves in ultrasounds, pregnancy testing

Becky Durant, RN-serves in STI clinic; employed by Mary Bridge Children's hospital

Amanda Whiting, RN*-serves in ultrasounds; employed by Mission Health Care

* Trained in Limited OB ultrasound

Coalitions

Kim Sandberg – Puyallup Center Director

Community for Families – Sumner

Bethel Community Services – Spanaway/Parkland

Faith Leader & the Bethel School District – Graham, Spanaway and Parkland

Ministry Leader's Lunch – Puyallup, East/South Tacoma

Judi Weldy – Lakewood Center Director

Lakewood Collaboration

Lakewood's Choice

Lakewood's Promise

Healthy Start

Pierce County Perinatal Collaborative

Best for Babies

Mental Health First Aid

Washington State Coalition against Domestic Violence

Tilly Hunter – Tacoma Center Director

Reach Center Network Meeting

Grads Advisory Board

Black Infant Health

Gina Reed – Federal Way Center Director

City Vision/Federal Way Community Connections

Domestic Violence Task Force

FWCAT Federal Way Coalition Against Trafficking

Master's in Non-Profit Leadership from Seattle University

Kris Foster – Kenmore Center Director

Northshore Human Services Consortium

Nancy Kuhuski – Gig Harbor Center

Violence Prevention Coalition

Mental Health First Aid

Master's in Social Work Program University of Washington

All Non-Medical Professional Staffing our Centers

All personnel (medical or non-medical) serving in direct client services meet the following requirements:

Prior to client interaction:

- Application
- Pre-Training Screening

If qualified:

- 32-hour pregnancy center classroom training seminar
 - Lecture
 - Role Play Practicum
 - Seminar training written and spoken review
- Completion of AACC Pregnancy Coach training and certification (24-hour) with exam
- Post-Training Screening

If qualified

- Minimum of 32 hour on the job training with continued screening.
 - OSHA Training Requirements
 - Bloodborne Pathogens
 - Hazard Communications
 - Accident Prevention
 - HIPAA/Client Confidentiality Training
 - Cross training in all client service programs
 - Role play
 - Observed client interaction

If qualified, personnel are placed on schedule

- Annual Training Requirements
 - OSHA Review Training
 - HIPAA/Client Confidentiality Review Training
 - Minimum of 4 (four) Continuing Education Credits
 - Advanced training
- Annual performance reviews

Long Standing Personnel

- 5-year retraining requirements
 - Participation in the 32-hour pregnancy center training seminar

Ongoing CEU workshops throughout the year (7 given) to insure update information and protocol is followed.

Client Referrals-King County

*non- exhaustive listing

- Adoption Agencies
- Budget and Debt Reduction Services
- Bus Passes
- Car Seat Inspection Sites
- Child Care Services
- Children and Teen Services
- Clothing Banks
- Counseling Services
 - Therapists
 - Family Counseling
 - Mental Health
- Crisis Lines
 - Sex Trafficking
 - Domestic Violence
 - Suicide Prevention
- Dental Care and Services
- DNA and Paternity
- Domestic Violence Shelters and Support Services
- Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centers
- Education
 - GED/High School Completion
 - Adult
- Employment Assistance
- Family Support Services
 - Centers
 - CPS
 - DSHS
- Food Banks and Outlets
 - Emergency Needs
 - Hot Meal Sites
- Foster Care
- Gas Vouchers
- Grief Support Groups
- Homeless Services
- Housing
 - Emergency/Shelters
 - Long Term/Permanent
 - Maternity
 - Transitional

- Legal Services and Advocacy
- Maternity Support – Maternity Case Management
- Medical Care
 - Hospitals/Emergency Rooms
 - Immunization Clinics
 - Free and Low-Cost Health Care
 - Family Practice/General Practitioners
 - Midwives
 - OB/GYN
 - Pediatricians
- Minority and Ethnic Services
- Parenting Support Services
- Post-Abortion Services
- Pregnancy Loss
- Pregnancy Support Services
- Pregnancy Testing Services
- Rental Assistance
- STD Testing
 - Department of Health
 - Public Health Services
- United Way
- Utility Assistance
- WIC

Seattle- King County women are not being harmed by Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers who help women succeed with positive birth outcomes and provide support and referrals for their lives ahead:

1. NARAL Pro-Choice America grades each state every year on the states abortion friendly laws and ease of access to abortion. This year, the country as a whole was given the grade D-. Washington State was one of two states in the country to receive an A+ rating. Conversely, Americans United for Life rank states on their pro-life friendly laws. This year, as in several years in the past, they gave Washington State the ranking of 50th out of 50. Dead last. There isn't a problem with access to abortion in WA State. This is the most abortion friendly state in the country.

- In King County alone, there are at least 57 OB/GYN locations such as: medical centers, clinics, private practices, hospital affiliated associates. Listed are over 312 OB/GYNs, midwives, PAs, and ARNPs serving the women their local areas.
- In King County alone, there are at least 23 other Woman's Health Care Clinics listed with a minimum of 56 Physicians and other related health care providers serving in those locations.
- There are at least 35 Family Planning Clinics in Seattle and King County including Public Health- Seattle & King County, Planned Parenthood, and Cedar River Clinics.
- Due to a grant from WA State, 13 School Clinics (in high density areas) – High School and Middle school are now established. Students, without their parent's knowledge can get birth control and be taken to abortion clinics for abortions by the staff at these school clinics.
- Pharmacies and drug stores provide these services throughout the county and in many of the name brand supermarkets.

2. The 2015 Washington State Department of Health (most recent) Pregnancy Outcomes report show the following:

- 36% of all the abortions in WA state took place in King County
- There were 1023 abortions for every 1000 live births for young women ages 15-19 years
- There were 662 abortions for every 1000 live births for women ages 20-24 years
- Only 1% of the abortions took place in hospitals, most in abortion clinics or family planning clinics.

3. Women are smart. With all the advertising, promotion in schools, clinics in universities and near them; With Public Health Centers in many low-income areas, With Planned Parenthood commercials, social media, and incredibly successful marketing and communication systems, women who come to Pregnancy Centers have many times told us that they know where to go for family planning. They know where to go for abortions. The REAL problem is for the women who wants to continue their pregnancies and choose to parent or place for adoption. Where will they go if the adoption agencies, pregnancy medical and family service agencies, maternity homes, family support and education

services disappear? They were targeted too. One of the saddest statements we at our Pregnancy Medical and Family Services Centers hear from women is, "I had an abortion. I didn't know you existed. I thought I had no choice" We hear that all the time. King County Board of Health, real public health risk is maternal infant care and the need for services life affirming organizations provide. Please do not take away their right to choose.

1. Family Planning/Std Clinics-Public Health-Seattle & King County

901 N Northlake Way Ste A Seattle, WA 98103

(206) 296-8400

Birth Control Information & Services

Website

2. Family Planning/Std Clinics-Public Health-Seattle & King County

4400 37th Ave Seattle, WA 98118

(206) 296-4650

Birth Control Information & Services

Website

3. Family Planning/Std Clinics-Public Health-Seattle & King County

10501 Meridian Ave N Seattle, WA 98133

(206) 296-4990

Birth Control Information & Services

4. Family Planning/Std Clinics-Public Health-Seattle & King County

3001 NE 4th St Renton, WA 98056

(206) 296-4901

Birth Control Information & Services

Website

5. Family Planning/Std Clinics-Public Health-Seattle & King County

33431 13th Pl S Federal Way, WA 98003

(253) 838-5140

Birth Control Information & Services

6. Family Planning/Std Clinics-Public Health-Seattle Seattle Locations

Serving the Seattle Area.

(206) 296-4772

7. Seattle King County Health

10501 Meridian Ave N Seattle, WA 98133

(206) 296-4765

County & Parish Government
Website

8. King County Downtown Public Health Center

Seattle, WA 98101

(206) 296-4759

Medical Clinics

9. King County Public Health Ctr

908 Jefferson St Seattle, WA 98104

(206) 477-3590

Health & Welfare Clinics

10. King County Federal Way Public Health Center

Seattle, WA 98101

(206) 296-8410

Medical Clinics

11. King County Health Services

1116 Summit Ave Seattle, WA 98101

(206) 296-4999

12. King County Health Services

Seattle, WA 98101

(206) 296-4774

Medical Clinics

13. King County Health Department

12359 Lake City Way NE Seattle, WA 98125

(206) 205-8580

Medical Clinics

Website

14. Public Health Clinic

2124 4th Ave Seattle, WA 98121

(206) 296-4755

Clinics

Website

From Business: The Public Health Seattle & King County provides needed and mandated health services and prevention programs to address individual and community health concerns i...

15. Government Offices County Public Health Centers

401 5th Ave Ste 1100Seattle, WA 98104

(206) 263-9566

Medical Clinics

16. County of King

10808 NE 145th StBothell, WA 98011

(206) 296-9814

17. White Center Public Health Center

9942 8th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98106

(206) 477-0000

Family Planning Information Centers
Website

18. King County Health Ctr

20 Auburn Ave Auburn, WA 98002

(206) 296-8400

Medical Clinics
Website

19. Government Offices County Public Health Centers

3201 NE 7th St Renton, WA 98056

(206) 477-0100

County & Parish Government

20. Island County Public Health On South Whidbey

5475 Maxwelton Rd Langley, WA 98260

(360) 221-8880

Health Plans-Information & Referral...

21. Northwest Public Health

1107 NE 45th St Seattle, WA 98105

(206) 685-1130

Medical Clinics Health & Welfare Clinics
Website

22. Public Health Centers for Excellence

3629 S D St Tacoma, WA 98418

(253) 798-7695

Health & Welfare Clinics

Website

23. Renton Public Health Ctr - CLOSED

3001 NE 4th St Renton, WA 98056

(206) 296-4700

Medical Clinics

Website

24. Public Hospital Dist No 4 King

9450 Ethan Wade Way SE Snoqualmie, WA 98065

(425) 831-2321

Medical Clinics Physical Therapists

25. Cowlitz Tribal Health King

15455 65th Ave S Tukwila, WA 98188

(206) 721-5170

Health & Welfare Clinics

26. Community Health Ctr-King Cnty

126 Auburn Ave Auburn, WA 98002

(253) 804-8713

Medical Clinics Health & Welfare Clinics

Website

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Obstetrics Medical Group	Number of Doctors	City	Address	Phone	Website
Associated Valley Ob/Gyn	2	Renton	4011 Talbot Rd S #430	(425) 656-2496	https://kcmsociety.org/?author=1383
Associated Valley Obstetrics & Gynecology	6	Renton	4011 Talbot Rd. S. Suite 430	425-656-2496	http://avogmd.com/
Auburn Public Health Center	1	Auburn	901 Auburn Way N, Suite	206-477-0600	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/auburn.aspx
Bellevue Ob/GYN	5	Bellevue	1200 112th Ave NE #C115	(425) 455-0244	https://kcmsociety.org/?author=549
Birch Creek Public Health Center	2	Kent	13111 SE 274th St	206-263-2460	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/birch-creek.aspx
Center for Women's Health at Evergreen	7	Kirkland	12910 Totem Lake Blvd NE #102	(425) 899-4455	https://kcmsociety.org/?author=2767
Columbia City Center for Health	1	Seattle	4400 37th Ave S	206-296-4650	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/columbia.aspx
Community Health Center	6	Everett	1424 Broadway	(425) 789-2000	http://www.chcso.org/location/everett-south-clinic/
Downtown Public Health Center	1	Seattle	2124 - 4th Ave	206-477-8300	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/downtown.aspx
Eastgate Public Health Center	1	Bellevue	14350 SE Eastgate Way	800-244-4512	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/eastgate.aspx
Eastside Ob/GYN	10	Kirkland	12303 NE 130th Ln #230	(425) 899-5000	http://www.eastsideob.com/
Enumclaw Medical Center - Cole Street	1	Enumclaw	1818 Cole St	(360) 802-5760	https://kcmsociety.org/?author=982
Everett Clinic Gynecology at Mill Creek	1	Mill Creek	15418 Main St	(425) 225-8002	https://www.healthgrades.com/physician/dr-laurent-nicolov-x2hl
Everett Healthcare Clinic	6	Everett	930 North Broadway	(425) 317-0300	http://www.providence.org/clinics/providence-everett-healthcare-clinic/
Evergreen Health/Ob Gyn Hospitalist	3	Kirkland	12040 NE 128th St	(425) 899-2560	http://evergreenhealth.org/
Federal Way Public Health Center	1	Federal Way	33431 13th Place S	206-477-6800	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/federal-way.aspx
Franciscan Women's Health Associates	2	Auburn	205 10th St NE #200, Auburn	253-835-8800	www.fhshealth.org/specialties
Franciscan Women's Health Associates	10	Burien	16045 1st Avenue South	206-965-4200	www.fhshealth.org/specialties
Franciscan Women's Health Associates	1	Seattle	4550 Fauntleroy Way S.W.	206-403-1601	www.fhshealth.org/specialties
Issaquah OB/GYN	2	Issaquah	6520 226th Place S.E. Suite #120	425-391-8886	http://www.issaquahobgyn.com/home.html
Kaiser Permanente	35	Seattle	Multiple locations in King County	18002976877	https://www.ghc.org/html/public/specialties/women/pregnancy
Kent Public Health Center	1	Kent	25742 104th Ave SE, Kent	206-477-6950	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/kent.aspx
Meridian Center for Health	1	Seattle	10521 Meridian Ave N, 2nd Floor	206-296-4990	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/north.aspx
Meridian Women's Health	4	Seattle	1560 N 115th St #212	(206) 368-6644	https://kcmsociety.org/?author=2406
Mill Creek Commons	10	Mill Creek	16708 Bothell-Everett Hwy	(425) 258-7550	http://washington.providence.org/clinics/mill-creek-commons/
Mill Creek OB/GYN	3	Mill Creek	15808 Mill Creek Blvd # 200	(425) 673-3420	http://www.millcreekobgyn.com/
Minor & James Medical	3	Seattle	1229 Madison St #1500	(206) 386-9500	https://kcmsociety.org/?author=1311
Multi Care/Healthpoint	3	Auburn	126 Auburn Avenue	253-833-1217	www.multicare.org/doctors/rhea-crisostomo/
Multi Care/Healthpoint	6	Kent	403 East Meeker Street	253-372-7128	https://www.multicare.org/doctors/karan-rondeau/
Multicare Covington OB/GYN Clinic	3	Covington	17700 SE 272nd St	253-372-7128	https://www.multicare.org/doctors/karan-rondeau/
Northshore Public Health at Totem Lake	1	Kirkland	13030 121st Way NE, Suite 202	206-263-2850	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/northshore.aspx
Northwest Hospital and Medical Center	1	Seattle	1560 N 115th St Ste 109	(206) 361-1300	https://www.healthgrades.com/physician/dr-denise-cho-3y7j3
Northwest Women's Health Care/Swedish	12	Seattle	1101 Madison Street Suite 1150	206-386-3400	https://www.nwomenshealth.com/
Northwest Women's Healthcare	5	Seattle	1101 Madison St #1150	(206) 386-3400	https://kcmsociety.org/?author=957
Obstetrics Medical Group	4	Issaquah	751 NE Blakely Dr	(206) 386-2101	https://kcmsociety.org/?author=1728
Overlake Obstetrics & Gynecology	12	Bellevue/Issaquah	1231 116th Ave. N.E., Suite 950	(425) 454-3366	http://www.midwifeseattle.com/

Pacific Gynecology Specialists	3	Seattle	1101 Madison St #1500	(206) 965-1700	https://kcmsociety.org/?author=2751
Pacific Medical Centers	12	Bothell	1909 214th St SE #300	(425) 412-7200	http://www.pacificmedicalcenters.org/index.php/where-we-are/canyon-park
Pacific NW Fertility & IVF Specialists	3	Seattle	1101 Madison St #1050	(206) 515-0000	https://kcmsociety.org/?author=1426
Pavilion for Women & Children	12	Everett	900 Pacific Avenue	(425) 258-7550	http://washington.providence.org/clinics/pacific-campus-and-pavilion/
Polyclinic	5	Seattle	Seattle, WA 98104	206-860-4541	https://polyclinic.com/providers/ann-bridges
Providence Physician Group	12	Everett	900 Pacific Ave #501	(425) 258-7550	http://washington.providence.org/clinics/mill-creek/find-a-provider/
Renton Public Health Center	1	Renton	3201 NE 7th St	206-472-0100	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/renton.aspx
SeaMar Community Health Center	6	Everett	1920 100th St SE	(425) 312-0202	http://www.seamar.org/snohomish-medical-everett.html
Seattle Ob & Gyn Group	18	Seattle	101 Madison Street, Suite 950	(206) 682-5843	http://seaobgyn.com/
Seattle Women's Health, Research, Gynecology	2	Seattle	3216 NE 45th Place, Suite. 100	206-522-3330	http://www.seattlewomens.com/
Sound Women's Care	5	Edmonds	21616 76th Ave W Ste 205	(425) 640-4810	https://www.healthgrades.com/physician/dr-bruce-erhart-2qfn5
St. Elizabeth Hospital	2	Enumclaw	1455 Battersby Ave	(360) 802-8800	https://www.chifranciscan.org/st-elizabeth-hospital.html
St. Francis Hospital	16	Federal Way	34503 Ninth Ave. S.	253-835-6260	https://www.chifranciscan.org/st-francis-hospital.html
Swedish Issaquah Campus	10	Issaquah	751 NE Blakely Dr	425-313-4000	http://www.swedish.org/locations/issaquah-campus#laid=6707
The Everett Clinic	16	Everett	3901 Hoyt Ave	(425) 339-5430	http://www.everettclinic.com/
Theresa Burdick, MD, LLC	2	Seattle	801 Broadway #707	(206) 386-3605	http://www.theresaburdickmd.org/
UW Medicine	13	Seattle/Ballard	1560 N 115th Street	206.668.6644	http://nhospital.org/medical-services/childbirth-center/
Valley Women's Clinic	10	Renton/Auburn	17722 Talbot Rd S	(425) 228-0722	http://www.valleywomens.com/
Virginia Mason- Lynnwood, Seattle, Fway & Bellevue	29	Several locations	Several locations	206) 223-6191	https://www.virginiamason.org/Gynecology
White Center Public Health Center	1	Seattle	9934 8th Ave. SW	253-477-0000	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/white-center.aspx
Total number of ob/gyn	351				

Business Name	Number of Doctors	City	Address	Phone	Website
Public Health	2	Seattle	401 5th Ave., Suite 1000	206-284-0331	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/child-teen-health/maternity-support-infant-case-management.aspx
Auburn Public Health Center	1	Auburn	901 Auburn Way N	206-477-0600	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/teen-clinics.aspx
Cedar Rivers Clinic	2	Seattle	509 Olive Way Suite 145	1-800-572-4223	http://www.cedarriverclinics.org/
Cedar Rivers Clinic	2	Renton	263 Rainier Ave S, Suite 200	1-800-572-4223	http://www.cedarriverclinics.org/
Eastgate Public Health Center	1	Bellevue	14350 SE Eastgate Way	206-477-8000	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/teen-clinics.aspx
Eastside-Bellevue Health Center	1	Bellevue	14730 NE 8th St.	tel:800.769.0045	https://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center/washington/bellevue
Everett Health Center	1	Everett	1509 32nd St.	800.769.0045	https://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center/washington/everett/98201/everett-health-center-2994-9181
Federal Way Public Health Center	1	Federal Way	33431 13th Place S.	206-477-6800	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/teen-clinics.aspx
Federal Way Women's Health Care	1	Federal Way	32114 First Ave. South,	253} 838-0219	http://www.federalwayobgyn.com/services
Hall Health Center	7	Seattle	4060 East Stevens Way	206-685-1011	http://www.uwmedicine.org/locations/hall-health-center
Kent Public Health Center	2	Kent	25742 104th Ave. SE	206-477-6950	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/teen-clinics.aspx
Kent Valley Health Care	1	Kent	10056 SE 240th #A	tel:800.769.0045	
Meridian Center for Health	2	Seattle	10521 Meridian Ave N	206-296-4990	http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/north.aspx
Trust Women Seattle	4	Seattle	1325 4th Ave., Suite 1240	206-625-0202	http://www.smawc.com/
UW Clinic of Woodinville	5	Woodinville	17638 140th Ave. NE	425-485-4100	http://www.uwmedicine.org/locations/primary-care-woodinville
UW Ravenna Clinic	4	Seattle	4915 25th Ave. NE,	206-525-7777	http://www.uwmedicine.org/locations/primary-care-ravenna
UW Shoreline Clinic	5	Seattle	1355 N 205th Street	206.542.5656	http://www.uwmedicine.org/locations/primary-care-shoreline
Valley Women's Health Care	2	Covington	16850 SE 272nd St, Suite #210	253.939.9654	http://www.valleymed.org/vwhc/
Valley Women's Health Care	4	Renton	17722 Talbot Rd S	425.228.0722	http://www.valleymed.org/vwhc/
Valley Women's Health Care	4	Auburn	1 East Main Street, Suite 100	253.939.9654	http://www.valleymed.org/vwhc/
White Center Health Center	1	Seattle	9942 8th Avenue SW	tel:800.769.0045	https://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center/washington/seattle/98106/white-cente
Women's Family and Health	9	Renton	1412 SW 43rd Street, Suite 200	425.271.4910	http://www.wfhsmd.com/services
Women's Health Care Center at UWMC-Roosevelt,	8	Seattle	4245 Roosevelt Way NE	206-598-5500	http://www.uwmedicine.org/locations/womens-health-care-center-uwmc-roosevelt
YWCA	2	Seattle	2024 Third Avenue	206.461.4489	http://www.ywcaworks.org/programs/healthy-birth-outcomes

Total number of providers for women's health

72

Franciscan Women's Health Associates Federal Way

34709 9th Ave. S., suite B-500

Federal Way, Washington 98023

7/15/17

As a community OB/GYN physician, former abortion performing doctor and present Medical Director of Care Net, King County, I feel that I have a broad expanse of experience, knowledge and skill in OB/GYN and perspective of my community, Federal Way, where I have lived for 24 years and raised my family. As a community physician, I see numerous patients who have had complications from their abortions including retained products of conception and infections, patients who have regretted their decision to abort their baby and request reversal of RU-486, the abortion pill or removal of laminaria that open the cervix to facilitate abortion.

Many women look back when they are having a miscarriage and feel guilty because they aborted a baby and wonder if they miscarried now because of that in the past. Some are afraid to talk about their abortions in front of the significant other. My bottom line is that I see the dark trail of what abortion clinics leave behind. More discussion of pregnancy options, not less, would help these women, presented in a non-judgmental and loving way. Introducing rules that would shut down this conversation in the name of better health is narrow minded. All of the clients at Care Net receive referrals to medical professionals or the emergency department if an emergency exists. For those who lack resources, referrals to Step by Step for medical coverage, classes for parenting or contacts for adoption are available.

I believe that clinics such as Planned Parenthood who fund their operation through abortions, feel threatened by these crisis pregnancy centers because they lose abortions from women who decide to carry their babies. Placing heavy restrictions on clinics such as Care Net, takes away vital services from these women. I ask that you do not pass the proposed rules that would effectively close crisis pregnancy centers.



Robert J Snyder, M.D.

Medical Director

July 14, 2017

To: King County Board of Health (Seattle and King County)

From: Advisory Board Members, Medical Advisory Council Members, and Serving Medical Professionals of Care Net of Puget Sound

We are writing to you collectively to voice our concern and objection to the proposed 17-B14 Rule and Regulation Relating to Disclosure of Information by Limited Service Pregnancy Centers for several reasons.

Firstly, the list of organizations Legal Voice gave you as potential LSPCs (as they call them) were all Christian organizations that support women with the choice of carrying to term. This list consisted of maternity homes, adoption agencies, Catholic Community Services, pregnancy centers, family support services, material support, and parenting classes. There are similar organizations that are not incorporated as Christian organizations that were not visited by an intern at Legal Voice thus showing a strong bias against medical professionals and trained employees (trained and certified in their areas of service) who are Christian.

Secondly, from our experience with Care Net Pregnancy & Family Services, and according to the Care Net of Puget Sound's medical procedural flow through, women are given immediate referrals to OB/GYNs, and maternity case management. Swift referrals and transfers to these health care providers insure continuation of care with the intent of healthy birth outcomes. This includes, finding insurance for our patients. Care Net has a trained Insurance "Assister" on staff who can help our patients sign up and receive health insurance regardless of income. Our Maternity Support Services referrals also assist in obtaining medical insurance for our patients.

Thirdly, we have agreed to be on these Councils, and Boards with Care Net Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget Sound to insure their patients get the care they need for a variety of issues (physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually). We have varied backgrounds and expertise in medicine and are available for consultation, referrals to providers within our area of expertise, provide care for these women ourselves at no charge, and to help other Medical Professionals know about the professional and compassionate care given to women who go to Care Net of Puget Sound for help.

Fourthly, women are notified before they are served in each center that Care Net does not provide or refer for abortions or for birth control. This is written on our brochures, on our website, hanging in each waiting room near the reception desk, and even on the intake form (with a place for the patient to initial) it states that Care Net does not refer for abortion or birth control.

Our medical professionals will explain the various methods and types of abortion procedures for our patients if they want to know. They will also, through medical consultations, discuss and educate women about the various kinds of birth control methods and how they work. Since the overwhelming number of women Care Net of Puget Sound serves are pregnant, the midwife or OB/GYN who she sees (from our referrals or from her choosing) for the duration of her pregnancy and birth will be the one to discuss options with the women. Incidentally, for the past 5 years, more than 30% of our pregnant patients were using birth control when they conceived.

Fifthly, of the 31 medical professionals actively serving in our Pregnancy & Family Service Centers, a majority

are employed by hospitals, clinics, private practices, associated medical businesses and medical centers. Most perform the same functions in the Pregnancy Centers as they do in their places of employment that ARE considered Health Care Facilities. Regardless of whether they receive financial compensation from Care Net of Puget Sound or not, those serving are considered part of the Care Net personnel. All medical services provided at Care Net of Puget Sound are performed by medical professionals with credentials and certification to perform the tasks they do.

Lastly, the organizations that have brought this concern to you (Legal Voice, Planned Parenthood Votes and NARAL Pro-Choice WA) have an interest in the support of free and unrestricted access to abortion services and appear to question the right of other organizations who support a woman's choice to continue her pregnancy. Should 17-B14 be passed, the burden placed on Pregnancy Centers who meet this spurious criterion will be great. Without Pregnancy Medical and Family Services Centers, fewer women will have support to choose life for their unborn and receive help with that decision. This rule and regulation harms the very women it is purported to protect.

On behalf of the mentioned medical professionals, I sign my name as the Coordinator of the Medical Advisory Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Jackson, MD
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Care Net of Puget Sound Medical Advisory Council

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Wood, Maria

From: Philip Passantino <passanpm@plu.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 12:40 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Public Comment on File #: BOH17-04, Version: 1

Dear Maria Wood,

Thank you for relaying my comment to the King County Board of Health.

I appreciate the King County Board of Health for all they do to keep our county safe and healthy. I further appreciate the Board of Health's commitment to improving healthcare for pregnant women. However, I am not convinced that this rule will improve healthcare for pregnant women. This rule requires pregnancy centers to post a sign on their property that says "This is not a healthcare facility" in ten different languages. I do not know how branding pregnancy centers with this sign improves healthcare for pregnant women. To many, it appears that this rule is designed to punish pregnancy centers for opposing abortion and not offering comprehensive contraception services.

If this rule is enacted, I am concerned many healthcare professionals who work in these centers will become angry with the Board of Health. This would result in growing resentment directed at the Board of Health among a significant portion of King County residents and workers. The Board of Health is not a political body but a committee that acts to protect King County residents using only nonpartisan and uncontroversial solutions backed by the community and scientific evidence. I am concerned that if this rule is enacted, the Board of Health will be seen as a political body and treated as such in the future.

I encourage the Board of Health to reach out to these pregnancy centers to see if a solution can be found that benefits everyone involved in King County before enacting this rule. I believe that the Board of Health will see impressive results in the service of pregnant women in our county if we work together on this issue.

Sincerely,
Philip Passantino

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July 13, 2017

Dear Board of Health Members,

Care Net provides a valuable service to the community and should be considered a vital means by which community health care transformation is occurring in this country. Without the burden of taxpayer money, Care Net is able to offer pregnancy testing, ultrasound and Sexually Transmitted Infection testing at no cost.

By working working with community partners, to include Step by Step Maternity Case Management, as well as the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department, continued care is provided and assured. Care Net also provides referrals to the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department's Black Infant Health program. This program focuses on infant mortality in the African American community in Pierce County.

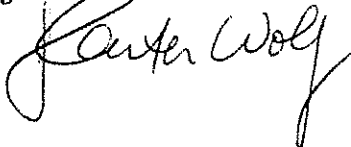
The mortality rates for black infants is disproportionately high. African American women tend to have more pregnancy complications, leading to low birth weight. This can then have a further affect on infant mortality due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. This program demonstrates that through community partnerships with Care Net, area churches and their lay health ministers, as well as other community organizations, we can improve the rates of low birth weight and infant mortality in Pierce County.

By identifying at-risk women and referring them into the Black Infant Health program, we are providing potentially life-saving resources to underserved women. It's important that we not limit access to care to those most vulnerable and in need of professional and compassionate care.

As an African American woman, my hope is that freedom of choice when it comes to reproductive health care can extend to allowing unhindered access to a free clinic, providing personable, whole person care, rather than pay to go where either I or my child are viewed as a burden to the already stretched medical system.

Sincerely yours,

Johanna Wolf



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Wood, Maria

From: Public Health
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: FW: BOH 17-04

For response...

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Subcategory: Health & Wellness

Request Type: Other

Subject: BOH 17-04

Message: As an RN, I wish to state my position on BOH 17-04, which seeks to shut down Christian pregnancy centers and declare them a "public health risk." Many good / free services are performed specifically at CareNet of Puget Sound. Please take the time to take a tour of these agencies and see what services they offer women - Free STD testing, free Pregnancy testing, free sonograms, free clothing and diapers for children. They even refer people to local Public Health Departments and use Public Health brochures on STD's. they refer to Domestic Violence Helpline. These free agencies perform an important service. They treat ALL women regardless of sex or beliefs. Women in crisis need MORE services available to them, not less. maybe Planned Parenthood and other abortion clinics could work cooperatively with these agencies for those women who wish to explore keeping their babies or put them up for adoption and need resources to support them to do so.

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Wood, Maria

From: rstime1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:53 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Ltr to Board Members

July 17, 2017

TO: King County Board of Health

Attn: Chairman Rod Dembrowski and Board Members:
Angela, Bruce, Dave, Debora, Jeanne, Joe, Kathy, Largo, Lorena, Maria, Sally & Susan

RE: R&R 17-04

The proposed regulation R&R 17-04 is a blatant affront to any logic this country stands for. If we as a nation pride ourselves in having open minds and respecting that of others, then this piece of legislation is totally contrary to what our founders stood and fought to preserve – freedom of speech, etc. Available options are a hallmark of our culture.

By demanding that all clinics are basically the same, is like North Korea's Kim Jong-Un and all national dictators, or, Hitler's Germany before the end of WWII... no options. Pregnant/all women need whatever counseling they can receive. Clinics that provide only pro-life options must be allowed to exist without further requirement which are opposed to their spiritual beliefs – it is a business option... this is America. Clients have a choice to go there or not. If 99.7% of Care Net of Puget Sound's clients report back a positive response, then why effectively close down this valued service? (Quoting a % from Care Net is just one example.)

I will not bring up that killing of babies is against the gift our Creator has given us (life), but also simply observe that abuse of our God given basic logic is now up for grabs if you consider voting for this regulation.

Please don't vote for R&R 17-04. Preserve some sense of balance in options for women to look at during this vital emotional time. Plus, these pro-life Pregnancy Centers are valued community outlets and don't need further costly regulations. This lobbied legislation is clearly an attempt to put them out of business.

Thank you for your service to the community by serving on this Board. Will be praying you vote with your conscience, heart and brain, instead of one-sided lobbying efforts.

Sincerely,

Christine Stime
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Wood, Maria

From: Gerry Cappucci <cappger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: pregnancy crisis centers

Dear Maria...please help stop the attacks on the pregnancy crisis centers. These are run by volunteers whose only agenda is helping people in need. These centers get no money from taxpayers and run on contributions by people who care as they do. It would be next to criminal to shut them down or try to shut them down using tactics that have been listed.

Sincerely ...Geraldine Cappucci

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Wood, Maria

From: Su Family <thesufive@gmail.com>
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Subject: Oppose BOH 17-04

Members of King County Board of Health:

On behalf of a friend Dave Stockton who cannot attend the workday Board meeting to vote on R&R 17-04, he has asked me to submit for your consideration his comments opposing 17-04.

THank you -

K-Y Su

Mr Stockton's comments follow:

07/17/2017

To: Members of the King County Board of Health

Re: Vote on 17-B14, 7/20/2017

Dear Members of the Board,

I recently learned of your upcoming meeting, and vote, on 17-B14 which would require only faith-based organizations that provide support and information for unplanned pregnancies to post signage regarding their status as not being a full pre-natal medical provider, as well as referrals to places that will provide abortions and contraceptives.

Please tell me that you understand this is not only highly discriminatory, but also a direct attack on the First Amendment. The government, at any level, should not require a faith-based organization to recommend procedures and medication that are in direct conflict with the tenants of their faith.

The arguments presented in the brief made available to the public for download (Staff Report prepared by Scarlett Aldebot-Green) were highly prejudicial against these organizations. Nearly every footnoted "fact" listed in the paper was from a Pro-Abortion organization such as Planned Parenthood, NARAL and Legal Voice. I would like to point out that Planned Parenthood does not provide comprehensive pre-natal care for their clients either. They will provide contraception, STD testing (also conducted by many of the faith-based organizations), pregnancy tests and abortions. Both Planned Parenthood and the faith-based organizations have to refer their clients to other facilities for things such as mammograms and other standard reproductive health screening exams.

The other "argument" presented in the Staff Report was a detailed description of a hearing held in Olympia in 2010 for SB 6452 and companion bill HB 2837. The testimony presented in that hearing was apparently insufficient for either bill to pass, and no other attempt has been made in the last 7 years on the State level to infringe on the rights of these faith-based organizations.

I would like to ask: You propose forcing faith-based organizations to place signage letting their clients know that abortion is an option, but will you also force organizations that provide abortions to place signage in 10 languages at a 48-point font size (printed at their expense) that will let their clients know that choosing not to end the human life in their womb is also an option, and that there are organizations out there that will help them through the process of carrying that life to term? Will they also be fined if they do not put these signs up?

Most Crisis Pregnancy Centers are not there as medical facilities, and have never pretended to be. They are there to provide a resource for women facing an unexpected pregnancy with options other than ending the life they carry. They are there to provide things such as medical referrals to standard doctors or specialists. To provide classes in parenting should the woman be thinking of keeping the child. To provide basic supplies after those mothers have had the child. To provide referrals should the woman decide that adoption is the right choice for her and the life she carries.

Yes, many do have fully trained and licensed medical staff who volunteer their time to provide exams, and conduct pregnancy tests, but most are volunteers there to support the woman as she struggles with the decision to proceed with the pregnancy or not.

They are a very necessary alternative for women who have decided to continue the pregnancy, because God knows, Planned Parenthood is not advocating that they continue the pregnancy.

Please know that I, and many others who believe as I do, plan to attend the meeting on the 20th to ensure that you are fully aware of our thoughts on this matter. I hope you will carefully consider this matter prior to your vote.

Sincerely,

Dave Stockton
Kent, WA

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Wood, Maria

From: Wood, Maria
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:27 PM
To: 'Jess Johnson'
Cc: ktriller@carenetps.org
Subject: RE: Personal Testimony Regarding Pregnancy Crisis Centers

Dear Ms. Johnson,

I will provide your comments to the Board of Health members at the meeting this Thursday.

Thank you for your interest.
Maria Wood
Board of Health Administrator

From: Jess Johnson [<mailto:jessicaworthen@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:23 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Cc: ktriller@carenetps.org
Subject: Personal Testimony Regarding Pregnancy Crisis Centers

Hello Maria,

I am writing to you with my personal testimony in regards to the hearing on July 20th at 1:30 for the regulations on pregnancy crisis clinics such as CareNet.

About a year and a half ago, I discovered that that I was pregnant with my second child and that the insurance our family had did not cover prenatal or pregnancy related visits whatsoever. This meant that if I wanted prenatal care, we needed to pay for it completely out of pocket which for us, meant we could only afford the very bare minimum (monthly visits but no ultrasounds).

I found out about CareNet through someone heavily involved in the ProLife community and while I was not considering an abortion, this person told me that CareNet helps provide services to moms without any charge and that I could probably get an 8-week ultrasound for free. I made an appointment and even though I was fairly skeptical, the staff was incredibly professional and very friendly.

CareNet was able to give me an 8-week ultrasound (at zero cost to me) and they were also able to provide the crucial information that I was actually 2-weeks further along than I had thought which I could not have found without that early ultrasound (apparently after 20-weeks it's harder to date a fetus).

CareNet and other clinics like them are filling a need in our community to help women in a way that no other place is. As a young woman in Seattle, I am saddened and appalled that you want to put regulations on these places that would make it more costly for them to operate and make them unappealing and quite frankly, scary, to a woman looking for help that is not in the abortion realm. The regulations seem so stringent that it is possible some of these clinics would possibly close which would be a huge disservice to women and especially poor women in our community. This SHOULD be something that you are advertising on our county website and not pushing away. As a voter and a person who loves Seattle and being a Seattleite, I am so sad you are not willing to help woman more. Who cares if its run by the Pro-Life community? And actually, while I was there, they were quite specific to mentioned all the options I had available to me- keeping it, adoption, and abortion.

As a voter and someone helped by these services, I am asking you, please do not put regulations on them that would be costly or interfere with them helping women. I am asking you, please do not put any regulations on them.

Thank you kindly,
Jess Johnson

Wood, Maria

From: Kim Triller <ktriller@carenetps.org>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: FW: testimony

Client testimony

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To: Kim Triller <ktriller@carenetps.org>
Subject: Fw: testimony

From: Alisa Weis <alisatriller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Kim Triller
Subject: testimony

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to express my gratitude for the wonderful services provided by CareNet of Puget Sound/King County and to state my sincere hope that this non-profit continues to freely help women, men, and children for years to come.

While I've given to CareNet for over ten years now, having long admired their outreach to those facing unique challenges, I found myself needing their

services less than two weeks ago, on July 5, 2017. Because of my husband's unexpected job loss, we found ourselves without insurance for the first time in twelve years. After learning I was expecting our third child, and realizing that our new insurance plan wouldn't start for another month, I decided to schedule my first ultrasound at one of their facilities. I was met with kindhearted, professional individuals upon arrival. When it came time for the ultrasound, the nurse practitioner, who has practiced for over 20 years, asked me the same questions I'd expect from any medical clinic. Unfortunately through the ultrasound, we learned that our baby didn't have a heartbeat. I can't think of a more compassionate nurse than the one who oversaw me and had to deliver this painful news. Instead of simply sending me on my way, she expedited the insurance process, directed me to a hospital with practitioners linked to CareNet, and recommended an OB/GYN since I'm new to the area. In the midst of the grieving process, CareNet helped alleviate a lot of the paperwork and guided me through a difficult day.

As a 36-year-old woman and mother of two, I've visited my fair share of medical facilities. The care and professionalism extended to me by CareNet is among the best I've received thus far.

Because they met me in my time of need, I will continue not only to give to their organization, but refer friends and family to their front doors as well.

Thank you for your time. I'd be happy to answer any further questions you have about my favorable experience with CareNet.

Alisa Weis

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Wood, Maria

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Subject: Reject R&R BOH 17-04

Councilman Rod Dembowski, Chair
 Ms Maria Wood, Administrator
 Councilmembers
 King County Board of Health

I write to comment on R&R BOH 17-04. I urge you to REJECT it based on several concerns, generally that it conflicts with Democratic positions:

1. It looks like crony capitalism, the board being used to promote unfair business practices;
2. It infringes on freedom of speech and has been struck down in court;
3. It is anti-choice;
4. It is culturally insensitive/imperialistic.
5. It is applicable in other situations where you would never apply it.

1: Crony capitalism: the Board is acting largely at the behest of an entity which stands to profit by limiting the competition. This looks like commercial partiality and reflects poorly on the Board's stewardship of public trust. You are supposed to be an impartial regulatory agency ensuring a fair market and level playing field. But one side is asking you to enforce against the other side, and you seem more than willing to take sides instead of resisting this unethical request. This violates democratic ideals of equity and fairness in business, and undermines the very role of government as necessary to regulating the free market.

2: Infringes on free speech, struck down in court: a very similar attempt to enforce government-mandated speech upon a Maryland LSPC was nullified in a US District Court ruling last fall, and another in Austin Texas was in 2014. Freedom of expression and freedom from government compulsion is a hallmark of Democratic

reproductive health policy, and 17-04 contradicts that. It is unwise and undemocratic to try to pass a regulation similar to others that have been struck down.

3: Anti-choice: you have long championed abortion using the philosophical basis of choice. 17-04 and the underlying research clearly seeks to limit/deny choice. LSPCs are not nearly as publicized as abortion centers, and women find them only by their own effort of searching, not by stumbling over them, so there is little chance that women are deceived by them; women have CHOSEN LSPCs, the LSPCs are up-front anyway (the staff report tries to have it both ways, saying LSPCs don't inform of abortion and they counsel against abortion), and the women's informed choice should be respected, not disrespected, especially by lawmakers who prominently espouse choice. Abortion clinics don't promote adoption etc, nor do they offer comprehensive health care; they should be equally subject to this notice requirement.

4: Culturally insensitive/imperialistic: you know King County is culturally diverse. Many non-white cultures prefer to preserve life rather than abort. To impose these white pro-abortion values on these immigrant women of color is culturally imperialistic. LSPCs do not in any way impede women from choosing abortion, there is no problem of denial of abortion that needs to be solved.

5: Applicable where you won't: other facilities under KCBOH/PH-SKC purview should, by 17-04's logic, also need to offer notice of limited services, but don't, proving that the proposed notice regulations are excessive and unnecessary and that the motives behind 17-04 are not health but suppression of dissent:

- a) Vegan restaurants which don't offer meat: you don't require them to post in 10 languages in 48-point font that they don't serve meat and don't offer sufficient dietary iron on their menus;
- b) Alternative-medicine practitioners and vendors: naturopaths, acupuncturists, supplement stores and nutritionists: you wouldn't require them to post in 48-point font in 10 languages that they're not a health care facility even though they don't have a licensed MD onsite and don't offer comprehensive health care options;
- c) Brownfields and MTCA/NPL/Superfund cleanup sites like the Lower Duwamish: you don't require posting in 10 languages in 48-point font that they are hazardous to health, even though the harm from these sites is far more than the harm from a LSPC.
- d) I've been to PH-SKC's Northshore clinic, and there's no notice in 48-point font in 10 languages there.

For all these reasons of philosophical contradiction and potential liability to the Board, I urge you to REJECT 17-04.

Respectfully,

K-Y Su

Resident, County Council District 6

Kirkland

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July 10, 2017

In 2010, I came to the Care Net in Kenmore. I was a frightened and alone without any family support. Having an abortion seemed to be the only option for me. When I visited Care Net, I received a pregnancy test and ultrasound at no charge. When I saw my little baby's heart beat bouncing around, I knew undergoing an abortion was not a choice for me. I attended the parenting classes and received loving support from the staff. Through the parenting classes I was able to earn all the baby items I needed to care for my son.

Today my baby is a loving 7-year-old who is making great strides as a 2nd grader. Thank you to Care Net for standing by my side when I did not have anyone else to do so.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Kim

July 10, 2017

To whom it may concern;

The vital services provided by Care Net's abortion recovery group were truly invaluable to me as a participant. I came to this class later in life (mid 50's) unclear as to what to expect or how I would be impacted by stepping into this type of group.

I am here to say that the class was so much more than I could have ever imagined. The trauma of abortion was not something I was even aware of or ever considered after having the abortion. Sadly, the services of Care Net were not available to my knowledge and I made a decision over desperation and incredible fear for my future in having a child that I would be alone in supporting at that time. By participating in the classes and working with the facilitators and group throughout the 8-week curriculum and in months to follow, I have only begun to realize just how much that early decision has driven much of my thinking, choices, judgements, beliefs and actions, 30+ years later. Much of my thinking and choices were still being driven from the hidden trauma of going through this experience alone and in terrible fear of being pregnant with no one to help or support me at that vulnerable young age (15 y/o).

Care Net provides a vital and important service to women in crisis, offering them hope, assistance, compassion and understanding during the decision-making process we each have had to face in a very difficult situation. The team of people behind Care Net who make this work their daily ministry, reaching out to those most vulnerable women, dramatically changes the trajectories of lives every day. Their tireless pursuit in finding and helping as many women as they can reach, makes the critical difference in future quality of life for everyone they touch. Care Net makes it possible for these women to move through the pain and negative impacts of their choices, often times unaware, that many experience after abortion. Care Net makes it possible for these women and families to move forward in healthy and positive ways and sets them up for greater life success and fulfillment for decades to come. Their work has had a dramatic impact on me and has been a key to helping me understand and heal much of my own pain around abortion and the loss of a life. It continues to have a dramatic and far reaching impact on the lives and futures of all who are fortunate enough to be served by this vital ministry, women, families and their unborn children.

Thank you for the life-giving work you do on behalf of so many women in need. You are the only hope many of these ladies will ever have in their time of crisis.

Sincerely,

A. Smith

When I had two abortions in my early 20's, I had no idea how those decisions would impact the rest of my life. It was in the late 70's, a time of sexual freedom with no apparent consequences. As it turns out, all of our choices have consequences.

I struggled with depression for years, a deep sense of shame, insomnia and many other symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder that I never connected to the abortions I had decades earlier. It was, and still is, considered a choice, with no lasting emotional or psychological impact. This is a lie. I was going through a very painful divorce in 2006 and found out about Care Net that summer. I went through the 10-week Healing Tide class for post-abortive women and it was a turning point in my life. Finally, I was able to share the pain of carrying this shame and guilt, the knowledge that I had taken the lives of my own children, with women who understood and could identify with what I was feeling. They listened, cried with me, encouraged and helped me walk through the grieving process. I was finally able to put my children to rest and find the peace that had eluded me for decades. I will be forever grateful to those wonderful women at Care Net and their investment in my life.

I have since led many other women through the same process, and have seen the same changes in them that I experienced – from depression to hope, from the burden of shame and guilt to the freedom of forgiveness.

My daughter got pregnant in 2010 and was seriously considering an abortion. I'm so thankful I was able to convince her and my grandson's father to go to Care Net for an ultrasound. When they saw the reality of the baby she was carrying, they knew there was only one decision they could make. I often think of that when I look at my precious grandson, who is now 6, and the joy of my life.

Care Net has made all the difference in my life. I'm thankful for the professional, dedicated volunteers who are making a difference in the lives of others every day, especially those who are unable to speak for themselves, like my grandson.

Lakewood, WA

Freedom to live: How Care Net changed my life after sharing my secret I had held onto for 37 years.

I didn't know much about Care Net but had heard throughout a 10-year period that they had offered a class on post abortion recovery. I never had the courage to call.

I had my first abortion when I was 13 years old. My mother insisted on me having it. What choices did I have? I was only 13. I don't remember having my own thoughts about it. I just knew I had to listen to my mom.

My life changed at that moment. The sorrow came in like a flood. I pushed it down. I began to drink heavily and began experimenting with drugs. I slept with countless men looking for love just so I could feel. I struggled with deep depression, I was numbed with pain. I drank for ten years.

At the age of 23 I knew my life needed to change so I got sober. Three months later I found myself pregnant again. I remember the fear that welled up inside of me again. The only answer I knew was to have another abortion. The sorrow and remorse I felt afterwards was overwhelming. It's a miracle I didn't start drinking again.

I knew that on my own I had made a mess of my life. I began my search.

I went to church and found some healing and direction in my life. I met my husband 11 months later, got married and had two daughters.

I was still suffering from deep depression and unable to really bond with my girls. I remember always having an overwhelming fear to protect them. Control took over my life.

Through the next 18 years my depression got worse and affected all aspects of my life.

My post abortion Experience

When I was a 17-year-old teenager, in 1980, I became pregnant. This of course was not planned and was a very scary thing to have happened to me. Not knowing what to do, I found myself at a Planned Parenthood center wanting someone to help me with a decision. They were very quick to give me referrals for abortion. In the end, I followed through and had the abortion. It was the most awful and tortuous experience of my life. For years after this experience, I suffered guilt, sadness, anger, pain, self-hate, insecurities and I was very unforgiving to anyone who had helped me in making that decision.

It wasn't until I was in my late 40's that I found relief from that pain. That pain was finally gone after going through a Care Net post abortive recovery program. For the first time in my life I understood that my decision was forgiven. I was finally able to forgive myself and eventually move forward into helping other women, like me, to know the love that was waiting for them with open arms. Through Care Net, I found a group of women who had gone through experiences that were similar to mine and without judgement. I found a bond with these women and I received so much healing. If it were not for Care Net, I would still be hanging onto the pain of that decision that I made so long ago. I am so grateful for the people who volunteer for this amazing center. I am a different (better) person because of it.

Sincerely,

C. C.

Puyallup, WA

Being 17 and pregnant again. A year ago, Olivia went to a health clinic to get a pregnancy test and counseling on how to move forward with an unexpected pregnancy. She left with the abortion pill, called her auntie and asked that she meet her at the family cabin.

When Aunt Kerry arrived, Olivia was in pain and spitting up blood. Kerry didn't attend the original appointment with Olivia, and neither one of them understood the side effects of RU-486. Not only was it traumatic for Olivia to go through, but hard for Aunt Kerry to witness her niece in so much pain.

Fast forward to a year later, Olivia found herself pregnant again and confided in her auntie. She knew she didn't want to go through what she did the previous year. Through a friend, Kerry reached out to one of Care Net's office managers. Gina was upfront in the beginning of her conversation with Kerry, letting her know we don't refer or perform abortions, but her niece would get medically accurate information, a free ultrasound to verify a viable pregnancy along with non-judgmental encouragement and support.

Olivia agreed to have her auntie bring her into one of our centers, and first met with her client advocate, Jennifer. They discussed abortion, adoption and parenting, all three being her options. Olivia was open about her situation, being a pregnant teen, her home life, her relationship with her boyfriend, her goals, and who would be her support system during this time in her life. She also shared about her previous chemical abortion and how she wished the "other" clinic would have discussed the physical side effects and emotional distress that she experienced.

That same day at Care Net, Olivia met with Lola, our head nurse and had a 1st trimester ultrasound that confirmed a viable pregnancy. They also discussed fetal development. She was given the opportunity to ask questions about abortion, adoption and parenting. At the end of her appointment, Olivia stated that she wanted to continue her pregnancy. Nurse Lola told her about how we can support her if she chooses to carry with our parenting mentor program. A program which offers informative, practical topics along with maternity and baby supplies.

On her way out, Olivia stated that she felt we were very understanding, nice and would refer anyone to our center.

A few weeks later, we received this letter from Aunt Kerry;

"I just wanted to thank you so much for all your help and kind words. What you're doing truly does make a difference and we appreciate you. Because of you and your co-workers, my niece decided not to terminate her pregnancy. We are forever grateful." Sincerely "Kerry"

*name of client and aunt have been changed

Dear Ms. Triller,

I wanted to share my story with you so that you could then share it at the hearing. Please feel free to use my email.

I was 19 and a premed student at Princeton University when I had an unplanned pregnancy. When I went to student health, I was told that I was pregnant after I had a positive pregnancy test. I can remember my conversation with the counselor as though it were yesterday. She said, "You're going to have an abortion, aren't you?" No support was offered nor were there discussions to alternatives to abortion.

I told her that my boyfriend and I would want to keep the baby, get married and finish school. Her comments were that I would never finish school and that I would not be able to go to medical school with a child.

The university would not pay for the delivery but they would pay for an abortion.

My boyfriend and I did marry and we had our healthy beautiful son Jamin the next September. We had our second son during my senior year so I graduated for Princeton with 2 sons!

I went on to graduate from Temple University School of Medicine and chose Family Practice as my specialty. I was the Chief Resident of our program. I've been practicing now for almost 25 years.

As a physician, I know that good health is not just physical but also emotional and social.

I didn't have any support from the community in college and I wished there had been a center like Care Net of Puget Sound to have been there for me to provide family support services and referrals, parenting classes, material support and referrals to organizations to help with the multitude of needs I faced.

The services you provide would have given us additional support and made the road easier. Thankfully today, women have the tremendous benefit of centers like yours to help set up a network of care that help women thrive.

If your center were not around, women would be facing the kinds of struggles I had so many years ago. Thankfully they have help today and hope for tomorrow because of the work you do!

Pro-choice means supporting a woman's right to choose. My husband and I chose life for our son and we have been experiencing a full life since making that choice.

Thank you for the work you do!

Yvette Lopez-Warren MD

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Wood, Maria

From: Carol McFarland <mcfarland.carol@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 4:53 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Cc: David McFarland
Subject: R&R No. BOH17-04 - Comment to BOH Members

Dear Ms. Wood,

As directed per our phone conversation, I am sending my comments below to you for inclusion as public comments to be shared with the Board of Health, but specifically to the following health professional members of the Board. Thank you for your assistance.

- **Christopher Delecki, DDS**
- **Benjamin Danielson, MD, FAAP**
- **Bill Daniell, MPH, MD**

Dear Dr. Danielson, Dr. Daniell, and Dr. Delecki,

As a King County resident and a licensed health provider (RN), I am writing in regards to the following agenda item for the meeting this Thursday (retrieved from: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/board-of-health/agenda.aspx>).

7. R&R No. BOH17-04

A Rule and Regulation relating to disclosure of information of limited service pregnancy centers; adding a new Title 4A to the BOH Code; enacted pursuant to RCW 70.05.060, including the latest amendments or revisions thereto.

I urge you to vote "NO" on this amendment in the scheduled hearing on Thursday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m.

After reading the Staff Report from 6/15/17, it is obvious that limited service pregnancy centers are being so broadly defined that serving all women will be impaired simply because these health care facilities do not provide offer abortion procedures.

In addition, the process used to collect the "evidence" presented to the Board bears no resemblance to scientific inquiry guidelines per standards established by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

As a health professional member of the Board of Health, voting "yes" breaches your commitment to an evidence-based approach to public health. This is our professional standard.

Sincerely

Carol

Carol McFarland, MN, RN, CNE

Wood, Maria

From: Public Health
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: FW: R&R No. BOH 17-04

FYI...

First Name: Ted

Last Name: Palmatier, M.D.

Submitted: 7/18/2017 5:21 PM

Wants Email Response: Yes

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Phone: 5099666019

Zip Code: 98908

Category: Health and Human Services

Subcategory: Other

Request Type: Other

Subject: R&R No. BOH 17-04

Message: Please do not place additional regulatory burdens on faith based Pregnancy counseling centers that perform pelvic ultrasounds and counsel pregnant women on the sacredness of life and the full story about abortion. These organizations do not provide invasive or any other type of medical care in this situation. They offer free imaging as well as full disclosure regarding the alternatives to abortion. To harness them with regulatory burdens that do nothing to promote public safety just to satisfy the ideology of the pro-abortion groups is unjust. The pro-abortion groups are supported by much of the media as well as by the predominant political party in the I-5 corridor. Please refrain from using the regulatory arm of DOH for purely political motives. No harm is done by allowing women the right to be fully informed about abortion alternatives. If information threatens the profits as well as the power of the abortion industry, ask them never-the-less to allow first amendment rights to those who are instructed by their faith to choose life before abortion. Do this rather than yield to the well financed abortion industry political pressure which can lead to the extinction of the groups offering fetal and perinatal life advocacy. Religious freedom as well as free speech should be protected despite the powerful abortion industry's desire to grow their business and provide massive campaign contributions often in part funded by tax dollars taken from all sides. This quid pro quo campaign financing scheme using tax dollars then given back to politicians that do the abortion industry's bidding is unjust. Please do not vote for more regulations to further restrict free speech and religious expression by those pro life organizations who provide this valid and needed non-medical service to pregnant women. Thank you.

Wood, Maria

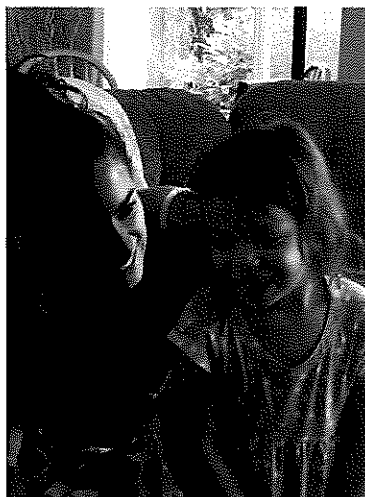
From: Bob Krajci <bkrajci@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 6:37 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Upcoming Pregnancy center meeting on Thursday

Hi Maria. I respectfully ask that you would turn down any attempts to severely restrict pregnancy centers in the upcoming meeting Thursday, July 20th at the King County Courthouse, Room 1001. If pregnancy centers are eliminated, women will not have the help they need to continue their pregnancies thus eliminating their choice in how they wish to approach their pregnancy decision.

Here are some of the benefits of Pregnancy Centers such as CareNet

- Clients are immediately notified of what services we do and do not offer
- Pregnancy centers are available to support women who have chosen to continue their pregnancies.
- Services provided are available through private funding supplied by individuals, businesses and area churches. There is no cost to the woman in need. No government funding involved.
- There is no delay in access to medical care. Immediate referrals are provided to medical providers and maternity case management for ongoing care and support throughout the pregnancy and delivery
- Support services continue providing pre-natal education, childbirth education, and ongoing parenting support through evidenced based curriculum and maternity and baby supplies

On a personal note, our daughter who is now 22, had an "unwanted" pregnancy. She went to CareNet in Issaquah and received sympathetic help from people who really cared. If she had gone to Planned Parenthood, I'm not sure she would've gotten the same care and I might not have the 3 ½ old grandchild I have today.



Thank you for listening Maria.

Sincerely,

Bob and Debbie Krajci
2150 Newport Way NW
Issaquah, WA

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Wood, Maria

From: kammommy . <lisagkm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 6:57 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Crisis Pregnancy Centers are not Health Care Facilities

Crisis Pregnancy Centers are not Health Care Facilities. Despite their messaging, the information on their websites and the ads that have in the malls. If you find yourself in a situation and you need help or guidance, you should be going somewhere with qualified employees to help and offer assistance and medical care. Not a religious run facility that holds their views from the Bible.

Having a sign at their door stating "This is not a health care facility" is the first of many steps that need to be taken against the FAKE CLINICS.

Thank you.
Lisa Mills

Wood, Maria

From: david mcfarland <davidmcfarland5@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:43 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Re: R&R No. BOH17-04 - Comment to BOH Members

Maria,

I am requesting that you send my comments to the appropriate health care professionals considering R&R No. BOH17-04

Dear Dr. Danielson, Dr. Daniell, and Dr. Delecki,

As a King County resident and a medical doctor, I am writing in regards to the following agenda item for the meeting this Thursday (retrieved from: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/board-of-health/agenda.aspx>).

7. R&R No. BOH17-04

A Rule and Regulation relating to disclosure of information of limited service pregnancy centers; adding a new Title 4A to the BOH Code; enacted pursuant to RCW 70.05.060, including the latest amendments or revisions thereto.

I urge you to vote "NO" on this amendment in the scheduled hearing on Thursday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m.

The motive behind this regulation is obviously political and not medical, nor in the best interests of the public or patients.

In addition, the process used to collect the "evidence" presented to the Board bears no resemblance to scientific inquiry guidelines per standards established by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

As a health professional member of the Board of Health, voting "yes" breaches your commitment to an evidence-based approach to public health. I urge you to follow established guidelines for evidence based medicine, not some party's political agenda.

David McFarland, MD

Wood, Maria

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From: Jenn Banda <jenn.banda@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:44 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Testimony on crisis pregnancy centers

I am not able to attend the hearing on crisis pregnancy centers on Thursday. I wanted to submit this testimony.

When I was pregnant with my first child at 26 I unknowingly went to a crisis pregnancy center, thinking that they could provide counseling options. I was considering a termination at the time, but was not presented with that option and was too ashamed to ask. So, I left the center with an ultrasound picture and a few brochures about WIC and pregnancy support. I am now an ARNP and CNM in Washington and didn't even realize that this center was a CPC until I was in midwifery school!

I have also seen how CPCs have affected my patients. I have been given copies of handwritten ultrasound reports that patients have received from CareNet that were read by an RN and have inaccurate dating. One patient of mine had been told she was 6 weeks farther along than she was and that she was too far along to have an abortion. She wasn't and delayed her prenatal care for months because she was devastated because she thought the father of her baby was her ex.

People should know these centers are not healthcare facilities.

Thank you for your consideration
Jennifer Banda ARNP, CNM

Sent from my iPhone

Wood, Maria

From: Public Health
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:57 AM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: FW: King County Board of Health

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First Name: David

Last Name: Pommer

Submitted: 7/18/2017 9:54 PM

Wants Email Response: Yes

Email Address: DavidPommer@yvmh.org

Phone: 509-452-1401

Zip Code: 98901

Category: Health and Human Services

Subcategory: Health & Wellness

Request Type: Other

Subject: King County Board of Health

Message: Dear King County Board of Health:

I am writing to urge you to not require Limited Service Pregnancy Centers to post a sign stating "This facility is not a health care facility".

As a family physician who practices obstetrics, I value the health care that these facilities perform, regardless of a patient's race, creed, social standing, or sexual orientation. Pregnancy and a due date can be accurately determined. Sexually transmitted infections are diagnosed and treated. This helps the health of the community, and in my current community of Yakima, where there are a disproportionate amount of STI's, this service is highly beneficial. Diagnosis and treatment using evidence-based medicine is certainly health care. Please do not label them otherwise.

Sincerely,

David Pommer MD
University of Washington School of Medicine Class of 2000
Assistant Adjunct Faculty, Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences
Family Physician, Selah Family Medicine
620 North Park Drive
Selah, WA 98942

Wood, Maria

From: Public Health
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: FW: Limited Service Pregnancy Centers

First Name: Charles

Last Name: Pilcher MD

Submitted: 7/18/2017 10:09 PM

Wants Email Response: Yes

Email Address: chuck@bourlandweb.com

Phone: (not given)

Zip Code: 98033

Category: Health and Human Services

Subcategory: Health & Wellness

Request Type: Other

Subject: Limited Service Pregnancy Centers

Message: What is the definition of a "Health Care Facility" and a "Limited Service Pregnancy Center? Many "Health Care Facilities" including clinics and doctors' offices do not offer abortion yet care for pregnant as well as non-pregnant women. Many doctors also limit their pregnancy services to women who prefer alternatives to abortion. The BOH is opening a real can of worms if you try to define a "Limited Service Pregnancy Center." Please table this proposed regulation until such time as the medical profession has more opportunity for input. Thank you, and please keep me posted on the progress of your deliberations. Until this week, I've seen nothing in local news or from KC about this proposal.

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Wood, Maria

From: Public Health
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: FW: Requiring crisis pregnancy centers to disclose that they are not health care facilities

First Name: Tom

Last Name: Lang

Submitted: 7/19/2017 12:46 PM

Wants Email Response: No

Email Address: (not given)

Phone: 4252421370

Zip Code: 98033

Category: Health and Human Services

Subcategory: Health & Wellness

Request Type: Other

Subject: Requiring crisis pregnancy centers to disclose that they are not health care facilities

Message: I hope the Board of Health will require crisis pregnancy centers to disclose that they are not health care facilities. Health care is too important to allow deceptive practices by ideologically driven "clinics."

Thank you,

Tom Lang

Wood, Maria

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From: Denise Mauldin <deniseeabbott@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 12:01 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Dear Ms Wood,

I cannot attend the hearing, but I would like to email in support of requiring Crisis Pregnancy Centers having to post a notice on their websites online and on their windows/doors that they are not health care providers or facilities.

Thank you,
Denise Mauldin

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Wood, Maria

From: Mark Gaulke <gaulke.mark@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Limited Service Pregnancy Center Proposal

Dr. Danielson MD, FAAP; and Dr. Daniell MD; Dr Christopher Delecki, DDS; and the rest of the King County Board of Health

Please vote or recommend against the proposal to require Limited Service Pregnancy Centers to post signs and include on advertising in 10 languages that "This facility is not a health care facility." It seems that if the case is that it doesn't provide an abortion then this should be put upon all urgent care, hospitals, and clinics that are thought of health care facilities. It is redefining the word, "health care" to only mean abortion. Also, it implies that to be a health care facility you can't review data or have other doctors help you with medical opinions and facts. You are restricted to guidelines as it seems the U.S Preventative Services Task Force was used as the "evidence" that have their own inherit and published limitations on levels of evidence. It isn't so easy to say that just because a guideline doesn't reference it makes it wrong and a purposeful attempt to cause harm. I don't think any of these volunteers mostly little old ladies are out there trying to hurt their fellow citizens in the name of the volunteer organizations.

BOH17-04.1 line 51. I disagree and would say these facilities are not a threat to public health.

It's disappointing to read it may cost \$40,000 /yr to enforce this rule as it could be used on more helpful things than trying to get volunteer organizations out of volunteering.

Section 1 D #1 and 2 suppresses individual rights of religion and conscience.

I appreciate the opportunity to contact you. I appreciate being able to review the agenda for tomorrow's meeting online. I understand I do not live in King County, but I don't think it is unreasonable that this proposal if passed would be used as a precedent for other counties whether it is of any benefit, beyond burdening or the volunteers of these organizations perhaps to the point of closure. I disagree with the idea that these organizations are not of benefit and are harmful to women and children.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Gaulke, MD. FAAP

Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

Spokane, WA

Wood, Maria

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From: Mark Snell <markjonathansnell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:04 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Health Care Centers

Dear Ms. Wood,

I am a physician from Eatonville, Washington, and am contacting you in an effort to reach the King County Board of Health. I understand the Board is considering a ruling which would mandate certain Health Care Centers to post a sign, "This is not a medical facility," printed in 10 languages just because they don't provide abortions.

It is apparent that such a ruling would be a political move aimed at trying to diminish or close down facilities simply because they do not offer termination of pregnancies.

I have found that Centers that would be affected by this ruling to be a very good, reliable resource for Pap tests, contraceptive counseling, as well as parenting classes, instruction in newborn care, etc.

We need more, not less, resources for women to obtain help for troubled pregnancies and difficult family planning issues. I urge the Board of Health to oppose this ruling, so as not to diminish these important resources further.

Sincerely,

Mark J Snell, MD, FACS, FCS (ECSA)
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Sent from my iPhone

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DATE: July 19, 2017
TO: King County Board of Health
FROM: John G. West, PhD
RE: Public Comment on Proposed Rule & Regulation No. BOH17-04.1

This comment is submitted in relation to Proposed Rule & Regulation No. BOH17-04.1.

1. The Board's fact-finding process used to develop rule BOH17-04.1 grossly violates due process and proper administrative procedures.

Administrative agencies like the Board of Health have a legal and professional obligation to develop regulations through a fair, impartial, and independent process. Moreover, any regulations adopted must be based on adequate findings of fact. *However, the staff report submitted with proposed rule BOH17-04.1 makes clear that no independent or impartial fact-finding process was used to develop this rule.* Instead, the Board delegated its own fact-finding responsibility to private political lobbying groups, relying wholly on one-sided reports issued by NARAL, Planned Parenthood Vote!, and Legal Voice. This was egregiously improper for the following reasons:

a. NARAL, Planned Parenthood Votes!, and Legal Voice are not neutral or impartial investigative organizations. They are lobbying groups that advocate abortion rights and harbor a clear animus towards groups that favor restrictions on abortion. Despite this fact, they were relied upon by the Board and its staff to investigate pregnancy centers that exist in large part to oppose and provide alternatives to abortion. It strains credibility to believe that these organizations could act as neutral and impartial fact-gatherers in such a situation. It would be akin to the Board devising a rule to restrict Planned Parenthood's activities based solely on an investigation by the National Right to Life Committee.

b. Most of the allegations of misinformation and deceptive practices made by Legal Voice and allied groups are vague, irrelevant, or not properly documented or sourced. For example, the 2011 "study" cited in the staff report was based wholly on **anonymous** sources, making the allegations impossible to verify. Moreover, a number of the pregnancy centers investigated in the 2011 study were outside King County, and so they are not even under the jurisdiction of the King County Board of Health. The 2017 study by Legal Voice also relies on anonymous sources, and it provides paraphrases of supposed misstatements without documenting the actual wording of the supposed misstatements. For example, the report asserts that at one clinic a person "was given medically inaccurate information about abortion, including that it causes infertility, sterility, breast cancer, and pelvic inflammatory disease." But without documentation of the actual wording (for example, providing a copy of a pamphlet that contained this information), it is impossible to know whether this assertion (by another anonymous source) is a fair description of what she was actually told. These kinds of vague and unsubstantiated allegations do not provide a reasonable basis on which to base the proposed rule—especially when they were gathered by partisan lobbying groups rather than neutral investigators.

c. There is no evidence from the staff report that any of the pregnancy centers targeted by the proposed rule were afforded the right to respond to the allegations made against them, let alone to question their anonymous accusers. Indeed, the staff report describes a briefing for the Board of Health on May 18, 2017 that only included two county officials and a representative of Legal Voice, one of the lobbying groups opposed to the pregnancy centers that are the focus of the new rule. Notably absent was *any* representative of the groups under attack. This makes a mockery of any legitimate fact-finding process by an administrative agency.

Frankly, it is incredible that the Board would even consider the current proposed rule given the sloppy, partisan, and one-sided nature of the supposed fact-finding process. If the Board wants to consider a rule like this one, it needs to start the process over again with a genuine fact-finding process, one that is not delegated to political lobbying groups and that gathers and presents facts and statements from both sides.

2. As currently written, proposed rule BOH17-04.1 violates the free speech rights of the pregnancy centers to be regulated.

As previously stated, the Board's fact-finding process was neither impartial nor independent; it was handed over to political lobbying groups with a clear ideological animus towards the groups they were investigating. By relying completely on those lobbying groups' one-sided reports, the Board raises serious questions about the real purpose of the proposed rule. It should be noted that many of the statements highlighted as objectionable in Legal Voice's 2017 study relate to the pregnancy centers' religious views, their views on abortion, and even their opinions about Planned Parenthood. For example, the study highlights as objectionable certain statements by a doctor that "a baby is a blessing" and "pregnancy is a gift," a comment by a staff member that "abortion could take a huge emotional and spiritual toll," and the distribution of a pamphlet that criticizes Planned Parenthood for performing abortions. *By any standard, many of these statements are clearly constitutionally protected speech.* By adopting the Legal Voice report as part of the factual basis for its rule, the Board and its staff are providing evidence that their real intent is not to achieve a valid public health purpose but to chill and punish constitutionally protected speech through the coercive powers of the state.

The details of the proposed rule further substantiate that the real intent is to punish protected speech:

- The purported findings of fact included in the rule make clear that the Board opposes the targeted centers primarily because they do not promote abortion or provide contraceptives. In other words, the centers are being targeted because of their constitutionally protected point of view.
- The actual statement mandated by the Board is only loosely related to the actual allegations being made about the centers. Whether or not the targeted pregnancy centers have made misstatements about abortion or contraceptives, the information in the record does not demonstrate that any of the centers have misrepresented themselves as full-service health facilities or even that they have

claimed to provide abortions or contraceptives. Indeed, the 2017 study by Legal Voice concedes that one of the three centers it criticizes made clear to clients that it doesn't provide abortions or contraceptives. In addition, there is no evidence in the record to demonstrate that any significant proportion of women have been misled into thinking that these centers are full-service health facilities. So there is no rational basis for the wording proposed by the Board. Again, the real goal appears to be restricting constitutionally protected expression by those who do not favor abortion.

- The proposed rule would apply to pregnancy centers regardless of whether they had actually engaged in any inaccurate speech or deceptive practices. In other words, a pregnancy center is essentially judged guilty by the Board without any investigation or hearing. This again suggests that the real problem is not misstatements by these centers but that they oppose abortion or contraceptives, a constitutionally protected message that the Board disagrees with.
- The proposed rule mandates that the Board's disclaimer be included not only in a posting at the physical location of the centers, but in every digital, online, and print advertisement or flyer. This mandate would effectively censor the centers' free speech rights by making many forms of advertising essentially illegal for the targeted centers. For example, the rule effectively bans the centers' from being able to purchase small classified ads, short business listings in phone directories, and small display ads, because it would be technically impossible to fulfill the rule's requirements with these ads. ***The rule demands that "any" ad—no matter how small—has to contain the Board's statement in 10 different languages.*** Moreover, the Board's mandated statement must be in a font size larger than any surrounding text. A simple paid listing in a phone directory could not physically accommodate this demand. Even ads that are larger would become effectively useless under this required. Since the Board requires that its own statement appear in a font size larger than surrounding text (as well as be highlighted in other ways), the Board's message would effectively dwarf any message the centers want to convey in their ads. For all practical purposes, the Board is trying to compel the pregnancy centers to use ads they pay for to communicate the Board's message instead of the pregnancy centers' message. The Board's all-encompassing requirement places such a significant burden on the centers' free expression that it is essentially a gag order on the centers' constitutionally protected speech rights.
- The proposed rule would prohibit pregnancy centers from placing any additional information on the Board-mandated statement, again clearly violating the free speech rights of the centers. Under the Board's proposed rule, the centers could not even add an explanatory note that the statement "This facility is not a health care facility" was posted as required by the Board of Health. Nor could the centers add wording that the Board-imposed statement does not reflect the centers' viewpoint. Hence, not only is the Board attempting to coerce the centers into communicating the Board's message at the centers' expense, it is essentially compelling the centers to mislead their clients by making the centers falsely represent the Board's disclaimer as their own statement.

- Any center that violates the speech restrictions imposed by the Board would be subjected to ruinous fines of up to \$36,000 per year, which would likely put any center out of business that does not comply.

3. Adoption of proposed rule BOH17-04.1 will erode public support for the Board of Health's valid public health activities.

In order to achieve its important objective of protecting public health, the Board of Health needs the continued trust and support of the general public. But if the Board adopts the present regulation, it will undermine its credibility with the significant minority of the population in King County who support efforts to provide alternatives to abortion. Public health is too important to become a political tool in the culture wars. The Board of Health should not misuse its legitimate powers in order to try to shut down legitimate differences of opinion on abortion. If it does so, it should not be surprised if many members of the public begin to view statements and policies adopted by the Board of Health as simply expressions of partisan ideology rather than public health. The Board may eventually find that large segments of the population no longer take seriously its pronouncements because they cannot trust the Board to act in a professional and impartial manner. This would be a serious blow to public health policy in King County.

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July 19, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Maria Wood
Board of Health Administrator
King County Board of Health
401 5th Ave, Suite 1300
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Written Testimony in Opposition to Rule and Regulation No. BOH17-04

Dear Board Members,

I am the Medical Director of Women's Accessible Medical Services, P.S. (WAMS). I graduated from Washington State University and University of Washington School of Medicine and have been a physician for 39 years. I am also Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and am a Fellow of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

WAMS is a 501(c)(3) Professional Services Corporation governed by a Board comprised of licensed health care professionals, including MDs and RNs. WAMS operates 3W Medical for Women (3W Medical), a new medical clinic located in the University District. Its medical services are provided under my supervision and participation in patient care as medical director. We are incorporating other volunteer physicians as well. We recently learned that 3W Medical has mistakenly been identified as a "limited service pregnancy center" in documents accompanying the Meeting Agenda scheduled for July 20, 2017.

To be clear, 3W Medical contests allegations contained in the white paper accompanying the Meeting Agenda Packet.

3W Medical does not fit the definition of a limited service pregnancy center as provided under the proposed rule and does fit the definition of a health care facility. Specifically, 3W Medical is a "clinic . . . where a licensed health care provider conducts functions governed by chapter 70.02 RCW." Further, its "primary purpose" is neither to provide "pregnancy options counseling" nor to provide pregnancy tests. Indeed, since seeing our first patients in May 2017,



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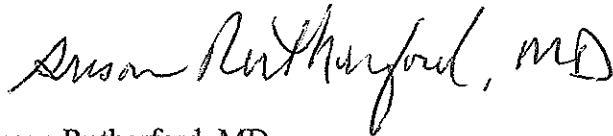
two thirds of our services have been unrelated to pregnancy, including general gynecology exams, as well as STI and STD testing and treatment for both male and female patients.

Nevertheless, the broad scope of the proposed rule's definition has resulted in parties mislabeling 3W Medical as a limited service pregnancy center and inaccurately describing it as an "organization with the express purpose of discouraging pregnant people from having abortions or using contraceptives, and encouraging people to carry their pregnancies to term." Consequently, as written, the proposed rule appears to have the potential of sweeping within its scope healthcare services provided by licensed medical professionals governed by Chapter 70.02 of the Washington Revised Code, practicing at facilities such as 3W Medical.

The overbroad language of the proposed regulation lists as criteria services that are found in every medical office that provides obstetrical care. Although this should not be the intent of the regulation, it inadvertently could imply that any physician practicing obstetrics might be covered by the definition. This is a concern for both profit and non-profit medical providers.

In conclusion, it could not have been the intent to rely upon overbroad language that implicates the practice of medicine by physicians.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Rutherford, MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "S", "R", and "M" being particularly prominent.

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Wood, Maria

From: Public Health
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:15 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: FW: Protecting women from Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPS)

First Name: Harold

Last Name: Gross

Submitted: 7/19/2017 5:11 PM

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Category: Health and Human Services

Subcategory: Health & Wellness

Request Type: Other

Subject: Protecting women from Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPS)

Message: I am asking you to support the King County Board of Health ordinance that would require CPCs to prominently post a sign, in ten different languages, that reads: "This is not a health care facility."

Anyone seeking health-care services should receive comprehensive, timely, unbiased, medically and factually accurate information. Women facing unintended pregnancy deserve no less.

When women are fully informed, they are better able to make the best decision for themselves about their reproductive health. Mindful of this, the anti-choice movement has for years tried to restrict, delay, control, and manipulate the information women facing unplanned pregnancies receive.

To do so, they have built a national network of anti-choice organizations, some of them posing as comprehensive health-care clinics - so-called "crisis pregnancy centers" (CPCs). It's time for truth in advertising. These places are not health care facilities and should no longer be able to pretend that they are.

Thank you for considering this ordinance and please vote in support.

Dear Drs. Danielson, Daniell, and Delecki,

I am writing to oppose the proposed regulation R&R No. BOH17-04 because it does not meet standards of evidence for medical decision making and it would not be a reasonable use of taxpayer money.

As you are aware, staff at King County with support by interested parties such as Legal Voice have presented oral and written testimony which is on record on the King County website. They have sent undercover "testers" into centers to collect evidence trying to show these are not healthcare facilities. These unverified, biased stories have then been presented to the Board of Health. However, no independent evidence is being presented.

The process to collect the evidence bears no resemblance to scientific inquiry. Using as a guideline the standards established by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, the so-called "evidence" presented to support the King County Board of Health proposed regulation related to disclosure of information by limited service pregnancy centers is unquestionably insufficient.

If the health professional members of the Board of Health vote "yes," you will be breaching commitments to an evidence-based approach to public health.

In addition, King County staff testified that the annual cost in salaries to enforce this new regulation would be \$40,000. This too is in the public record. Wouldn't this money be better spent on our homeless or opioid epidemics?

I encourage you to vote "no" on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Hervey Froehlich, MD
Seattle, WA

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Wood, Maria

From: Helen Winkler <Helenjean43@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:07 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Please support ordinance on limited service pregnancy centers

Pregnant women deserve complete, accurate, comprehensive health care information. Please support the ordinance addressing the crises pregnancy centers in King County. Thank you.

Helen Winkler

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Wood, Maria

From: STEVEN COOK <stevencook1010@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:26 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Limited Care???

Marla,

I just saw the article on the upcoming vote on the "limited health care" planned ordinance.

Since Rod Dembowski, said in his interview, that they are passing this because the pregnant women need to "have complete, timely and accurate information." Will this apply also to Planned Parenthood, so that they have to provide Ultrasounds of the status of the fetus, and of its viability? Without such, I could see that you might be open to litigation.

Thank you in advance for your reply.

Steven Cook

Wood, Maria

From: Jean DeWitt <jean1209@rickdew.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 12:08 AM
To: Dembowski, Rod; Lambert, Kathy; Kohl-Welles, Jeanne; sally.bagshaw@seattle.gov; dbaker@kenmorewa.gov; Wood, Maria
Subject: Limited vs. comprehensive pregnancy center care

Dear board of health members,
Inaccurate labeling of the pregnancy centers is not a great policy and leaves the county open to lawsuits. Please reconsider the idea of warning labels that incorrectly say the centers do not offer medical services, when in fact they offer medical services.

Instead, require the centers with incomplete services to have a sign that says they offer limited medical and counseling services. To find a center that offers comprehensive (more complete) medical and counseling services, offer a page on your website that tells expectant mothers how to find clinics and centers which offer more complete medical services and counseling. That information could be included on the required sign for limited pregnancy care providers.

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Wood, Maria

From: Family Policy Institute of Washington <info@fpw.org> on behalf of Karilyn Dammarell <info@fpw.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Don't Punish Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers

Jul 15, 2017

Maria Wood

Dear Wood,

Please reject R&R 17-04, a proposal that will inordinately hinder the work of pregnancy centers in King County.

It has come to my attention that the King County Board of Health is considering R&R 17-04, a regulation designed to punish pregnancy centers that do not perform or refer for abortions. Pregnancy Centers are reputable organizations that provide much-needed services. While special interests may claim that these centers deceive and disrespect women, the facts show otherwise- Care Net of Puget Sound boasts a 99.7% positive response rate from those they have served in King County over the last two years. Women in crisis need MORE options for health services, not fewer, and it is unconscionable that the Board of Health would pass regulations intended to harm those providing women with the services they need.

Please reject the proposed regulations and allow the important well-respected work of groups like Care Net of Puget Sound continue.

Sincerely,

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Wood, Maria

From: Ed Mills <EdM@kidem.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:21 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Please support ordinance on limited service pregnancy centers (BOH17-04)

Pregnant people deserve accurate, comprehensive health care.

Please support the ordinance addressing crisis pregnancy centers in King County.

Thanks,

Ed Mills

Wood, Maria

From: Melissa Petersen, CCC-SLP, NBCT-ENS <mspetersenslp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:16 PM
To: Wood, Maria
Subject: Healthcare should be transparent

I am writing to support the proposal to require so-called "crisis pregnancy centers" to post clear signs identifying the services they provide, and that they do not provide medical services from medical providers. People who are or may become pregnant deserve to know what care is available when when they go to a facility that presents itself as a medical clinic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Melissa Petersen
MA, CCC-SLP, NBCT-ENS

Rec'd e BOP
7-21-2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a healthcare provider to voice my concerns about the dangerous impact of Crisis Pregnancy Centers on our communities. I am a certified nurse midwife who offers the full of range of services within my scope of practice, including both abortion care and pregnancy care. I believe firmly in respecting the dignity and autonomy of all pregnant people, regardless of whether or not they intend to continue their pregnancies.

Crisis Pregnancy Centers present themselves as healthcare centers attentive to the needs of people in crisis – many of whom are young women of color. In fact, these Centers are staffed by people who are not medical providers, providing false “medical” information and preying on the vulnerabilities of those who come to them in a time of need. As a healthcare provider, I have seen the negative impact these centers have had on my patients many times. Two specific incidents come to mind that illustrate the unethical practices of these centers.

Once I was providing follow up care to a young woman who had recovered well from a two-day abortion procedure in her second trimester. At the end of our visit she became tearful and expressed anger toward herself that she had waited until so far in her pregnancy to seek care. As we discussed her feelings, she told me that she had initially presented for care at a Crisis Pregnancy Center at around 6-7 weeks of pregnancy, thinking she was going to a healthcare facility that could provide her with safe medical care. After receiving an ultrasound, a lot of false medical information about the dangers of safe legal abortion, and a lecture on her responsibilities as a mother she left the pregnancy center feeling alone, scared, and guilty. Although she was certain she couldn't continue her pregnancy, she was terrified she would have the same experience elsewhere. By the time she worked up the courage to come to my clinic, she required a longer, more painful, more invasive procedure that – while still very safe – carries a greater risk of complications than the simple aspiration procedure she could have gotten at 6 weeks of pregnancy.

On another occasion, a medical interpreter alerted the front desk staff at my clinic that someone had snuck into our lobby and was harassing patients. The person in question was a middle-aged woman posing as the “victim” of an abortion that had left her devastated by depression and pain. She was giving our patients small notecards warning that abortion would lead to depression and suicide. The cards had a phone number written on them and said, “we can help!” The woman quickly left when she realized the interpreter had caught on to her. Afterward I called the phone number on the card and it was a Crisis Pregnancy Center. This was not only an example of spreading false medical information in order to coerce pregnant people; it was also a violation of federal law.

The practices are unethical, harmful, and illegal. Crisis Pregnancy Centers pose a significant danger to some of the most vulnerable members of our community, and cannot be allowed to continue operating in this way. I encourage you to take action to protect our communities and ensure access to safe, respectful, and legitimate medical care for all pregnant people.

Best,
Simon Adriane Ellis, RN, CNM, MSN