

Glenda Wiles

From: Judy [judybobbob@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 10:35 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Today's 3:30 PM mtg

I agree totally with the below email prepared by Nancy Ballance and there is no way I could say it any better. The facts are presented accurately in Nancy's email.

Please do not accept Federal money in support of Title X. We can do this locally and better than any government agency.

Sincerely,
Judy Kline

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: NBALLANCE@aol.com
Date: September 18, 2013, 9:47:37 AM MDT
To: nballance@aol.com
Subject: URGENT - call, email or attend - federal or local control?

Please email the commissioners and let them know your opinion regarding the funding of Title X.

This battle has been brewing for a couple years now. There are many in the valley who believe as I do that we need to stop taking federal funds for things that should be funded locally. There are three major reasons I believe as I do:

- 1) the federal government is spending us into bankruptcy and we need to exercise fiscal readiness and be prepared to fund our basic services, the services wanted and needed locally, with local funds before the federal government reduces or eliminates these funds;
- 2) remember Obamacare? Most didn't want it but we got it anyway - the services provided by Title X funds will be required by all insurance companies and everyone will be required to have insurance, so these services will be provided by other means;
- 3) federal funds always come with strings attached and force us to accept services we may not want or need and more importantly, services we may fundamentally disagree with.

In the case of Title X funds, if the county accepts these funds, we must provide contraceptives and abortion referrals to minors and are not allowed to notify the parents. One of the arguments for keeping Title X funding is that there are bad parents who would not support their children in a crisis. This argument does not consider the fact there are also bad counselors, and think about who has to live with the consequences forever - not the counselors, it is the parents who must live with the long term physical and emotional consequences of their minor child's decision - for the rest of their lives - as the counselor moves on to other jobs.

Please think about whether the federal strings are worth the freedom we give up.

Another argument is that if we take these services away there will be more abortions. Any discussion of adoption, or keeping a child is not even considered by the proponents of Title X. If we were able to spend the Title X funds on more support and help for the children of unwanted pregnancies we might make a

difference but we are not given that choice. Ask yourself why people have to go to other countries to adopt children when we have so many children aborted in our country.

The county commissioners voted to decline the federal funds for Title X but the Board of Health and Title X supporters continue to push for a re-vote.

There are 2 public meetings scheduled in the commissioners' office (Wed, 3:30 and Fri, 8:00am or you can send an email or call the commissioners at commissioners@rc.mt.gov 406) 375-6500.

Please don't make our commissioners face this decision alone - they need to know how you feel about this federal funding. Whether you agree with my position or not is irrelevant - you need to be heard and take a stand - don't let Ravalli County's policy be dictated by New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit. We are only 40,000 people and our voice will be drowned out by the 300 million people in the US unless we take back our local decision making authority by telling the feds to keep their money.

Nancy