

Dear County Commissioners:

I know that not all of you are responsible for ridding the public of family planning that was once provided by our Health Nurse, but I would like to share my opinion with all of you.

I am an adult that once used the services provided by our Health Nurse. I make less than \$10 an hour with no health insurance provided by the company that I work for and cannot afford Obama Care. I received my birth control from the department for free when it was available. Three months ago I had to go in for another treatment and it cost me \$212 for the services provided, which I was unable to pay at the time, until recently. I am now due for another treatment and this visit will cost me \$130.00 and the same thereafter every three months. I financially cannot afford to continue receiving birth control from a health provider. My family does not splurge on frivolous things in life, we cannot even afford cable television.

In my opinion, personal agendas and religious beliefs have interfered with the overpowering need of the public and what was once provided. That is what you were voted in to do, to make the best decisions FOR THE PEOPLE, not for yourselves and personal lives.

In a perfect world, a child should be more than comfortable coming to their parents when they are becoming sexually active. Statistically 30-40% of families are dysfunctional in some form, alcohol or drug abuse or absent parent(s) and the children are unable to come to a mature adult to discuss sexual relations with. The Health Nurse provided a professional adult whom they could speak to about such things. The Health Nurse encouraged the use of birth control, NOT abortions. If that is your main concern, the "after morning pill" is available in an aisle at Walgreens here locally and anywhere else in our country. Realistically, the Health Nurse helped catch those children that are unable to go to an adult to find the right thing to do and to have Planned Parenthood.

I have two children of my own and I can honestly say that when the time comes that they will be sexually active, I would rather that my children be safe and protected instead of contracting a venereal disease or becoming a young parent when they are not emotionally mature enough or feeling that the only option that they have is to get an abortion. This is what your decision will lead our young people to do and to believe. I also know that there are other adults out there that are now suffering from the decisions that your board has voted on and this county will see the numbers of young pregnancy go up and a continual rise of women getting on Medicaid to financially help them.

I can only hope that you will revisit your decision and carefully think about how many people you are affecting and how much it will financially affect the state and your citizens' pockets.

Thank you for your time.

-JR
Concerned Citizen