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KCFL Condemns the KSBHA for their Lack of Action in the Abortion-related Death of a Teen at the Tiller Late-Term Abortion Facility

Over nine months have passed since the abortion-related death of a teenager at the Tiller Late-term abortion facility, in Wichita, and still the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (KSBHA) has taken no action against Tiller.

Mark S. Gietzen, director of The Kansas Coalition for Life, (KCFL) has complained to Senator Phill Journey and Senator Susan Wagle, that the close relationship between Governor Sebelius and Late-term Abortionist George Tiller is hindering the investigation.

Abortionist Tiller is a major financial backer of Governor Sebelius, and the members of the KSBHA are all appointed by the Governor.

This creates a situation where the KSBHA is afraid to do what it is statutorily required to do, out of fear of doing something that is contrary to the wishes of the Governor.

Although members of the KSBHA deny a connection between their lack of action, and Abortionist Tiller's donations to the Governor, there is no other logical explanation for their foot-dragging and endless delays.

There is no question that Christin A. Gilbert, age 19, of 1093 Sunset Court, Keller, Texas, was killed by the negligence and illegal actions of Abortionist Tiller. That is now a matter of public record.

Tiller's illegal action includes, using a nearby LaQuinta Inn Motel hotel room as a hospital room, witnessed by KCFL volunteers in January 2005.

All evidence suggests that Governor Sebelius is discretely using the power and influence of her office to protect Tiller from the normal investigative process and the normal actions of the KSBHA.

The deadly ordeal began on January 10, 2005 when Christin's family bought her to the Tiller abortion facility in Wichita, for a third-trimester abortion.

On that day, Abortionist Tiller injected Christin's baby with a poison called "digoxin", through Christin's abdominal wall, directly into the heart of her 28-week-old unborn child, with a needle guided by ultrasound imaging. Tiller then sent Christin to a nearby LaQuinta Inn Motel room, which he illegally used as a labor and recovery room.

While waiting at the motel room the next two days, for the delivery of a dead baby, Christin's condition worsened.

At some point prior to the day of her death, Christin was taken back to the Tiller Late-term Abortion Chamber where the already dead child was removed by a D & C procedure.

Then, early in the morning on January 13th, as KCFL volunteers were setting memorial Crosses in front of the Tiller Abortion facility, Christin's family again bought her back into Tiller's abortion chamber a third time. This time they came because Christin had passed out, and was choking on her vomit.

At about 9:00 am on January 13th, KCFL volunteer, Judi Weldy, who takes part in KCFL's continuous ProLife presence at the Tiller abortion facility, reported an ambulatory rescue underway.

Christin was taken to Wesley Medical Center's Emergency Room, where she died of sepsis and general organ failure later that day.

Kansas taxpayers fund the KSBHA, and one of the specific responsibilities of the KSBHA is: **"To promptly, aggressively and thoroughly investigate matters of alleged incompetence and unprofessional conduct ...**

Furthermore, Kansas law requires the KSBHA to: **"Protect the public by authorizing only those persons who meet and maintain certain qualifications to engage in the health care professions regulated by this Board."**

Yet, for nine months, the KSBHA has been torn between doing their job, as statutorily required, and doing what they feel would be pleasing to the Governor's office. As a result, nothing has happened and the public is not being served as Kansas law requires.

KCFL will formally ask for a legislative investigation of the unwarranted delays and the unethical influence that the Governor's office has had in this case.

According to Senator Phill Journey and Senator Susan Wagle, nothing is likely to happen in this regard until after the Kansas legislature convenes its 2006 session.

With our Governor indebted to Abortionist Tiller, and with the members of the KSBHA appointed by the governor, this has become a classic case of the fox guarding the chicken-coop.

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