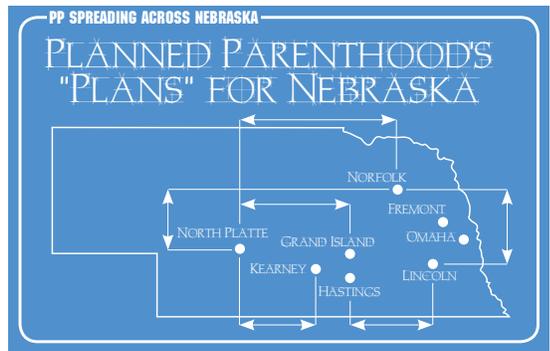


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Stop Web Cam Abortions Bill Signed Into Law

On May 26th, Gov. Dave Heineman signed into law LB 521, the Stop Web Cam Abortions bill.

The Governor signed the bill in the presence of its sponsor, Sen. Tony Fulton, its prioritizer, Sen. Dave Bloomfield, and Julie Schmit-Albin of Nebraska Right to Life and Greg Schleppebach of Nebraska Catholic Conference.

LB 521 was Nebraska Right to Life's priority legislation for the 2011 session. It extends the standard of care for abortion to provide that every abortion, whether chemical or surgical, is performed by a licensed physician physically present in the same room as the pregnant woman/girl.

In remarks, the Governor noted that Nebraska continues to lead the nation with innovative abortion laws, citing last session's LB 1103, the unborn baby pain ban at 20 weeks. LB 1103 was Nebraska Right to Life's priority



Attending the bills signing were, from left, Sen. Dave Bloomfield, Sen. Tony Fulton, Gov. Dave Heineman, Julie Schmit-Albin and Greg Schleppebach.

legislation in 2010 and remains legally unchallenged. National Right to Life drafted both LB 521 and LB 1103.



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1. Members of Norfolk Area Right to Life and other pro-life individuals gather in Norfolk June 14th. 2. Meeting participants in Hastings, organized by South Central Nebraska Right to Life and the pro-life committees of St. Cecilia's and St. Michael's. 3. Nebraska Right to Life President Sandy Danek, left, and Greg Schleppebach of Nebraska Catholic Conference.



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Meetings Held in Six Cities Targeted for Planned Parenthood Expansion

Nebraska Right to Life representatives Sandy Danek and Julie Schmit-Albin and Nebraska Catholic Conference's Greg Schleppebach have been meeting with local pro-lifers in Norfolk, Hastings, Grand Island,

Kearney, Fremont and North Platte to discuss what the coalition of state pro-life/pro-family groups (Nebraskans Against Planned Parenthood) is doing to combat PP expanding across the state.

Photos from Kearney, Grand Island, Fremont and North Platte are welcomed so we can post them on the Nebraskans Against Planned Parenthood Facebook page and elsewhere.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S

What's New?

Planned Parenthood recently consolidated its efforts in Nebraska and Iowa by combining both States under the organizational structure of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (PPH). PPH is following a re-branding model set down by its parent organization, Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA). Under that model, affiliate sites and clinics that had poor financial performance are being closed and new “mega centers” are being opened. Some of these “mega centers” do chemical and surgical abortions. Another edict passed down by PPFA is that every affiliate of PPFA must offer abortions.

What's Currently Happening?

PPH in Lincoln has sold its 23rd & “O” streets counseling facility and has for sale its abortion facility at 37th & South St. PPH announced in May that it will open a new abortion site at a confluence of strip malls at 48th & Old Cheney. This site is following the new business model laid down by PPFA. It will be 18,000 square feet and will offer expanded “services” in addition to continuing the chemical and surgical abortions that are done at South St. The new model seeks to re-brand PP affiliate sites as welcoming places where women can procure a number of health “services,” with abortion being among them. The focus is on other “services” and a “beautiful” environment as PPH Executive Director Jill June described the new Lincoln site. PPFA and its affiliates want to shed the poor image that PP has and embrace a new image as an upscale, pleasant, affordable health provider where women can access any number of “services” without feeling ashamed that they are going into an abortion clinic. PP opened its South St. abortion facility in Lincoln in 1995 and has aborted over 13,000 unborn children there.

PPH in Omaha is following a similar path. They closed a couple of older sites in 2010 and in 2011 opened a new mega site near 93rd & Maple. They are continuing the chemical abortions they have done in Omaha for the past several years and are adding surgical abortions to the new site. Again, it is a much bigger center and designed to look like a pleasant place in a strip mall. PP in Omaha has had smaller sites for years, but up until this time was not doing surgical abortions, saving those for its Lincoln site.

Their Really Big Announcement:

This came during the Nebraska legislative session in April. Amazingly, as we were working to pass LB 521, the Stop Web Cam Abortions bill, PPH announced its intention to open new sites across the State in Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Norfolk and North Platte. Their surprise announcement enabled us to reinforce to state senators that PPH would conduct RU-486 chemical abortions via Web Cam computer hook-up, as they have done in Iowa since 2008. This helped to solidify support for LB 521. The Legislature passed it in May as

PPH'S "PLANS" FOR NEBRASKA

a proactive move to stop PPH's Web Cam abortions before they could be taken via remote access to these potential new PPH sites in six Nebraska cities. Note that the cities slated for expansion are some of Nebraska's biggest outstate cities with college campuses.

What Pro-Life Nebraskans Can Do:

Nebraska Right to Life (NRL) is just one member of a coalition of pro-life/pro-family State organizations who are meeting regularly to stop PPH from expanding into outstate Nebraska and to work against PPH in Omaha and Lincoln. This informal coalition is known as Nebraskans Against Planned Parenthood. You can find it on Facebook, Twitter and, soon, at a dedicated website by that name. NRL and some other groups are contacting and meeting with our networks of pro-life activists around the State, conducting information sessions on what PPH is up to and what practical, peaceful, legal things they can do to stop PPH from coming into these six cities. Toward that end, we hope to bring several PP national experts in for a tour of Nebraska to these six cities as well as Omaha and Lincoln. The national activists have experience in stopping PP from opening new sites and in closing existing PP sites.

If you live in Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Norfolk or North Platte: Look for more information on the Nebraskans Against Planned Parenthood Information Tour this Summer and Fall. Help at your local County Fair Right to Life booth where information will be passed out regarding PPH's plans. Petitions will be circulated in each city for activist groups in those cities to retain and use to coalesce support against PPH in their own communities. Practical advice and hand-outs will come to these communities through our coalition to help you combat PPH in the media and to influence the hearts and minds of your friends and neighbors as to what PPH is really all about.

If you live anywhere else in Nebraska you can travel to events in the cities that are nearby, show your support for the activities and get advice on writing and talking about the PPH expansion in your own local news outlets. Everyone can and should be praying to stop the PPH expansion, continued turn-aways at the PPH abortion sites in Omaha and Lincoln and the potential miracle of being able to close down PPH's sites in those cities.

Get Involved:

For more information on how to get involved in the fight against Planned Parenthood in Nebraska, contact us so we can put you in touch with local activists in the city/area closest to you. They, in turn, will notify you of local events. Don't forget to check out the Nebraskans Against Planned Parenthood Facebook and Twitter sites and the soon to be coming website under that name. These will serve as an information hub linking all the activities across the State to combat PPH.

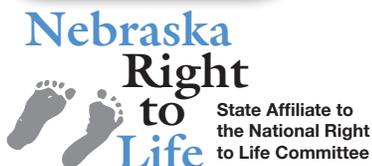
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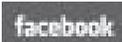
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More Pro-Life Legislation Passed By 2011 State Legislature

Nebraska Opts Out of Abortion Funding

During the 2011 Legislative session, lawmakers approved LB 22, Opt-Out of Abortion Funding in Both Public and Private Insurance Coverage, on a vote of 37-7 with Gov. Heineman signing the bill into law.

Nebraska becomes the sixth state

to take advantage of an "opt-out" provision in ObamaCare which allows states to choose not to cover abortion in the health care "exchanges" established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

State Sen. Beau McCoy sponsored

and prioritized LB 22. Sen. McCoy's bill not only prohibits the forthcoming state exchanges from covering abortion, but also prohibits private insurance companies from providing abortion coverage unless the payer has a separate insurance rider for abortion.

Legislature Passes Parental Consent Bill

The 2011 Nebraska Legislature approved a bill making it so teenagers in the state can no longer get an abortion without first obtaining the consent of one parent, legal guardian or grandparent.

Sen. Lydia Brasch sponsored the bill, LB 690, which passed 41 to 6.

Prior to the new measure, Nebraska law required one parent notification prior to a minor's abortion.

A judicial bypass procedure is included for minors who need a judge to consider their needs, as required by the

U.S. Supreme Court.

In committee, an amendment received approval to remove extraneous family members from giving consent such as older siblings and stepparents, but the bill left grandparents as having the ability to consent to the abortion. For that reason, Nebraska Right to Life remained neutral on LB 690 because it expanded the pool of people who can give consent to abortion. However, we hope the stricter reporting requirements in LB 690 will crack down on the ability of abortion providers to get around the new parental involvement statute.

Nebraska's Ground-Breaking Unborn Baby Pain Ban Passing in Other States

Nebraska's LB 1103, the unborn baby pain ban at 20 weeks, was enacted in October 2010. This law became model legislation for the nation and has passed in Alabama, Idaho, Kansas and Oklahoma. A number of other

States including Iowa and Minnesota introduced it.

Mary Spaulding Balch, J.D., Director of State Legislation for National Right to Life, was the architect behind the Nebraska law and has had a busy year

helping other states to introduce it. With five states now enacting the law and no legal challenges on the horizon, the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act could well provide the chink in the abortion industry's armor at the legislative level.