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TOPIC: Joint press conference of Kansans for Life and Kansas legislators

Legislators want Answers from Board of Healing Arts

State legislators want explanations from the State Board of Healing Arts about the Board's Feb.12, 2005 disciplinary action against Kansas City abortionist Krishna Rajanna. Based on whistleblower testimony brought forward by Kansans for Life, a complaint against Rajanna was formally registered Feb.18, 2004, accompanied by disturbing photos of the clinic's interior. The legislators are concerned that the Board has allowed the clinic to stay open for business, despite grave findings of fact that Rajanna did not dispute:



- the clinic was unclean, and in disarray
- medications were expired
- human tissue was stored on counters and then into freezers and refrigerators filled with food
- syringes were preloaded (not drawn and measured individually for each patient)
- bio-hazardous trash was mishandled and disposed improperly
- dispensed medications were mislabeled (action for which the Board had previously fined him)

In an open letter dated Feb.21, 2005, Kansans for Life wrote to Larry Buening, Executive Director of the Board,

“Rajanna remains open today, operating without life-saving certification or accredited facility approval. According to your findings, KFL was right, and the AG was right, that a licensed practitioner has been operating a sub-standard, deficient, filthy clinic. Despite your findings that Rajanna was, and is today, unable to guarantee life-saving services, he is still doing abortions as he “slides into” compliance with Board orders.”

Two weeks have passed, but Kansans for Life has not received any answer from Buening.

The Board ordered that Rajanna must obey both the Anesthesia and the Office Based-Surgery (OBS) Guidelines. Based on information from several sources in 2003 and 2004, Rajanna did not have the necessary monitoring equipment, trained staff, or medical procedures in place that are required by both the Anesthesia and Office Based-Surgery (OBS) Guidelines. He did not have one person dedicated to monitoring the patient under analgesia and sedatives. He did not have a properly outfitted and manned recovery room. The staff consisted of women without high school diplomas or medical training.

Kansas legislators and the public want the Board to answers these questions:

Hand- delivered to the Board of Healing Arts, March 8, 2005

Dear Mr. Buening,

Concerning the Board's Feb.12, 2005 disciplinary matter of Krishna Rajanna, please address the following questions:

1. Since you have found Rajanna to be deficient, and women are at risk TODAY, why do you not close his doors until he complies with requirements?
2. Rajanna is not Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certified, why have you allowed him to work this way until August 2005? (Kansas abortion patient Erna Fisher died in March 1988 when she was not resuscitated by Kansas abortionist Dennis Miller; Kansas-licensed abortionist Robert Crist was not certified ACLS in April 1997 when his St. Louis abortion patient Nichole Williams died in a cardiac event.)
3. His clinic has not passed the national accreditation you have ordered; why have you allowed him to do abortions until February 2006 in a proven sub-standard facility?
4. How are the 2002 Office-Based Surgery (OBS) Guidelines ordinarily promulgated, and to which practitioners?
5. How are the OBS Guidelines monitored or enforced?
6. What concrete improvements has Rajanna accomplished, and how do you prove that? In January, a pro-life citizen observed a foreign-born woman vomiting for 20 minutes in Rajanna's parking lot, and although dizzy, would be driving herself home.
7. Whose responsibility is it to check if Rajanna has been inspected by, and is in compliance with, OSHA and CLIA ?
8. Aside from moral culpability, will you not suffer legal liability if a woman should suffer injury or death at his clinic?
9. How does the Board action secure daily compliance for medical waste disposal or any other mandate? Regular observers see Rajanna bring black garbage bags out of the office and into his car, and have seen him deposit this medical waste in various private housing dumpsters.
10. Why is such a small fine levied (equivalent to the price of 3 abortions) when so much expensive tax-funded manpower is involved?

Thank you. We await your prompt response. (List of signatories attached)

List of Kansas Legislators requesting information from the Board of Healing Arts

