

AAPLOG Annual Research and Strategy Meeting Friday February 24, 2012. Final

Research Update

8:30-8:50 Dr. Byron Calhoun: PTB research update

8:50-9:10 Joel Brind PhD Breast CA review of 7 new articles

9:10-9:30 Priscilla Coleman PhD. Prof. Psychology Bowling Green State University: "Reproductive History and Long-Term Mortality Rates: A Progress Update on the Danish Population-Based Study"

9:30-9:50 Anne Speckhard M.D. Prof Psychiatry Georgetown. Universal Responses to Abortion: Comparing Psycho-Social and Cultural Differences that summarized clinical responses to abortion.

9:50-10:30 Dr. Maureen Condic: Ethical stem cell research criteria

10:30-10:40 Break

Developing Pro Life Advocacy in Academia

10:40-11:00 David Solomon Ph.D: Director Notre Dame Vitae Institute Notre Dame University

11:00-11:15 Brian Engelland PhD: Professor of Marketing The Catholic University of America

11:15-11:30 Dr. Gerard Nadal: President, Medical Students for Life

11:30-11:45 Chuck Donovan SBA list. Formation of Institute for Life Issues.

11:45-12:00 Mike ODea and David Wilson Christus Medicus Foundation: A new model for Health Care.

12:00-1:00 lunch

International Update:

1:10-1:30 Dr. Bob Scanlon

1:30-1:50 Dr. Anna Halpine

1:50-2:10 Reggie Littlejohn: President: Women's Rights without Frontiers: Forced Abortions

2:10-2:30 Marie Smith PNCIUS. International Update

2:30-2:40 break

Personhood: Moderator Donna Harrison

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3:00-3:20 Clarke Forsythe: Senior Counsel Americans United for Life: Concerns about Personhood amendments

3:20-3:30 Q&A on personhood with panel

Legislative update:

3:30- 4:15 Matt Bowman ADF Right of Conscience in the new Health Care Reform era.

4:15-5:00 Major Denise Burke, J.D. AUL Clinic Regulations: .

5:00 Buffet dinner reception

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Research Update

8:30-8:50: "Preterm birth update" Byron C. Calhoun, MD, FACOG, FACS, MBA. West Virginia University-Charleston.

Learning objectives:

- Know the latest literature on preterm birth
- Understand mechanisms for preterm birth
- Be aware of impact on maternal health in preterm birth
- Understand strategies to prevent preterm birth

8:50-9:10: "Abortion-Breast cancer link: Review of recent evidence" Joel Brind PhD The present talk will focus on studies published over the last 5 years which reaffirm the reality of the ABC link. Objectives:

- a. To understand the basis of the epidemiological evidence of the ABC link and
- b. To understand the methodological flaws in the high profile research published between 1997 and 2008, which research is used to deny the reality of the ABC link.
- c. To understand recent research (last 5 years) on the ABC link, specifically, studies on women from the US, China, Iran, Turkey and Armenia which provide fresh evidence of the ABC link.

9:10-9:30 " Reproductive History and Long-Term Mortality Rates: A Progress Update on the Danish Population-Based Study" Priscilla Coleman Ph.D. Prof. Psychology Bowling Green State University:

Attendees will learn about the results of a Danish register based study conducted in the Summer of 2011 that has resulted in two journal submissions. The first was submitted to Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology and is titled "Reproductive History Patterns and Long-Term Mortality Rates: A Danish, Population-Based Record Linkage Study." The second is titled "Short and Long Term Mortality Rates Associated with First Pregnancy Outcome: Population Register Based Study for Denmark 1980-2004" and was submitted to the Southern Medical Journal. The results for both studies were derived from merging data from the following databases: 1) Statistic Denmark, 2) the National Hospital Register (1977-2004), which provided data on miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies and other losses, 3) the Fertility Database (FTDB), which supplied data on births and stillbirths, 4) the National Board of Health Abortion Registry (1973-2004), 5) the Cause of Death Register, and 6) the Centralized Civil Register (1980-2004), which provided death dates.

9:30-9:50 "Universal Responses to Abortion: Comparing Psycho-Social and Cultural Differences in Clinical Responses to Abortion" Anne.Speckhard Ph.D. Adjunct Assoc. Prof. Psychiatry Georgetown.

Objectives:

To learn about the potential psychological sequelae to abortion from an easy response to the procedure to varying degrees of psychological abreactions including acute stress disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder, panic, depression, obsessive compulsive and bipolar disorders, psychosis etc.

To learn about the varying psycho-social and cultural differences in governing these potential reactions

To understand how to assess for and refer to adequate treatment women who have negative psychological responses to abortion.

9:50-10:30 "Ethical issues in embryonic stem cell research" Dr. Maureen Condic Ph.D. Assoc. Prof. Neurobiology and Anatomy Univ. of Utah:

Objectives for my talk are:

- 1.) Understand the definition of a stem cell, and how they function at different points in the life cycle.
- 2.) Understand the multidimensional context of the debate over stem cell research.
- 3.) Understand how concerns over responsible use of public funds impacts the field of stem cell research.
- 4.) Understand how concerns over equitable treatment of patients without racial discrimination impacts the field of stem cell research.
- 5.) Understand how concerns over respect for women's health and women's rights impacts the field of stem cell research.
- 6.) Gain familiarity with the scientific issues surrounding stem cells and human cloning.

10:30-10:40 Break

Developing Pro Life Advocacy in Academia

10:40-11:00 "Developing Pro-Life Advocacy within Academia" David Solomon Ph.D: Director Notre Dame Vitae Institute Notre Dame University

11:00-11:15 "Positioning the Pro-Life Message to Reach University Scholars." Brian Engelland PhD: Professor of Marketing The Catholic University of America

Objectives: This presentation will show how the application of the integrated marketing concepts of segmentation, targeting and positioning can help convince more scholars to conduct life-friendly research. By understanding the response characteristics of researchers and by applying appropriate marketing-style communications strategies, Pro-Life organizations may expect better results in the future.

11:15-11:30 Dr. Gerard Nadal and Nik Nikas Bioethics Defense Fund.

11:30-11:45 "Formation of Institute for Life Issues." Chuck Donovan SBA list.

11:45-12:00 "A new model for Health Care." Mike O'Dea and David Wilson Christus Medicus Foundation

Objectives

- 1) Empower Leadership.
- 2) Advocate for state and federal public policy that actively protects and promotes religious liberty by allowing people a "Right of Conscience" in selecting qualified health plans.
- 3) Establish a National Christ Centered Health Plan
- 4) Develop "Culture of Life Primary Care Medical Centers" that are Christ-centered, family-oriented and consistent with the ERDs, focused on life giving care, including fertility planning, NaProTechnology services, education, crisis pregnancy support services, OB/GYN care, pre- and post-natal care, pediatric services, end of life care and general health and wellness management.

12:00-1:00 lunch

12:30 Luncheon presentations:

12:30-12:40 **"A Word of Encouragement from the Legal Trenches"** Steve Aden, J.D. Alliance Defense Fund.

1. Participants will recognize the contribution of pro-life physicians to the success of legislation
2. Participants will develop an appreciation for the role of physician expert

12:40-12:50 **"New Pregnancy Resource Center Report"** Jeanne Monihan Family Research Council
Update and information from Pregnancy Resource Centers.

International Update:

✓ **1:00-1:30 "Introducing FEMM: principles and medical management."** Bob Scanlon M.D. and Anna Halpine : *CHIASODAD FOUNDATION*

FEMM has now been launched as a domestic program, capable of bringing the latest in science and care for women's health to mainstream medical practice around the country. We will be finalizing our program offering through 2012 as well as developing a "plug-in" for easy use and application of these medical protocols within the health care system. FEMM now stands as an opportunity to provide an alternative to the current domination of Planned Parenthood clinics across the country (800), and internationally. FEMM in St. Lucia continues to be well-received, and integration within the health care sector is proceeding. FEMM has also been requested for implementation in Colombia and the Philippines. Objectives:

- a. Intro to FEMM and the principles of its medical management
- b. Invitation to be involved in women's and maternal health care in St. Lucia

✓ **1:30-1:50 "Forced Abortion, Gendercide and Sexual Slavery—The Truth Behind China's One Child Policy"**
Reggie Littlejohn: President: Women's Rights without Frontiers:

OBJECTIVES: This presentation seeks to expose the brutal reality behind China's One Child Policy: Forced abortion, involuntary sterilization, gendercide, sexual slavery and female suicide. The Chinese Communist Party boasts that it has "prevented" 400 million births through this policy -- more than the entire population of the United States. They state that China has 13 million abortions a year -- more than 35,000 per day. This presentation will also raise the issue of the medical ethics of participating in coercive population control. Are the doctors in China freely choosing to perform forced abortions, or are they themselves forced? *PRO-LIFERS MUST HELP CHINA?* *UNFPA IPPF*

✓ **1:50-2:10 "Global Challenges to the Right to Life"** Marie Smith PNCIUS.DRG

OBJECTIVES

1. Learn the latest pro-abortion strategies
2. Learn which countries are currently targeted by pro-abortion activists.
3. Determine if AAPLOG or individuals can assist pro-life efforts in countries facing challenges to laws against abortion.

2:10-2:30 "The San Jose Articles" Susan Yoshihara PhD. Senior VP for Research CFAM and Wm Saunders [AUL]

Bill Saunders and Susan Yoshihara will introduce the San Jose Articles. The Articles are an expert statement of the status of the unborn child in international law. The Articles were drafted by a small group of legal, medical, and political experts and signed on March 25, 2011 in San Jose, Costa Rica. They are meant to help professionals, policy makers, and non-governmental actors counter the false assertions that abortion is an international human right.

2:30-2:40 break

Personhood: [Moderator Donna Harrison, M.D.]

2:40-3:00 "Reasons for Personhood Amendments" Walter Hoyer: Director: Issues for Life.

1. PERSONHOOD IN BLACK AMERICA is not simply a Pro-Life strategy or tactic that establishes legal rights for all human beings at all stages of our development. There is a much deeper desire within the hearts of the disenfranchised to be accepted, approved, acknowledged, affirmed and have the attention of the supreme and highest law of the land as a person than there is a desire to overturn Roe v. Wade.

2. BUSINESSES are born with a product and DIE WITHOUT CUSTOMERS. For a business to survive, whether it's legal or illegal, it must have customers. Customers are the lifeblood of any business. ABORTION IS A BUSINESS. Black and Latino communities are the #1 and #2 customers of the abortion industry. My strategy? REACH ABORTION CUSTOMERS TO END THE ABORTION BUSINESS. Personhood is a strategy that allows me to effectively reach the abortion industry's customers.

3:00-3:20 "Better, proven ways to protect human life than state constitutional "personhood" amendments" Clarke Forsythe, Senior Counsel Americans United for Life.

Objectives:

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1. Understand why the risks to women from abortion are more important for American public opinion and overruling Roe v. Wade than state constitutional amendments
2. understand that the Justices' rationale abortion is the "reliance interests" of women in abortion, not any misunderstanding about fetal development
3. understand the growth of other legal means through which the human life has been protected by law
4. understand why a state constitutional amendment cannot overturn Roe v. Wade (or any Supreme Court interpretation of the federal constitution)

3:20-3:40 Q&A on personhood with panel

Legislative update:

3:40- 4:15 "Right of Conscience in the new Health Care Reform era." Matt Bowman Alliance Defense Fund. Matt's talk will give an overview of the laws and battles over conscience rights of health care professionals around the country.

4:15-5:00 Clinic Regulations: Combating the True Back-Alley” Denise M. Burke, Vice President of Legal Affairs, Americans United for Life. Objectives for Presentation:

- A. Provide overview of recent cases of substandard conditions and practices at abortion clinics and existing state laws regulating abortion clinics.
- B. Outline legal support for/justification for clinic regulations.
- C. Summarize outcome and status of federal and state litigation concerning constitutionality of abortion clinic regulations.
- E. Provide ways AAPLOG experts can support efforts to regulate abortion clinics.
 - (1) Legislative
 - (2) Litigation
 - (3) Tips for serving as an expert witness

5:00 Buffet dinner reception