

Women's Med Center License Revoked



Dayton Right to Life is pleased to announce that today the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) revoked the operating license of Women's Med Center of Dayton, the Kettering abortion clinic owned by notorious abortionist Martin Haskell. Today's action by ODH Director Richard Hodges in Columbus appears to culminate a battle between Haskell, who helped pioneer the grisly partial birth abortion procedure, and the state of Ohio which has lasted several years.



Late-term Abortionist
Martin Haskell

Ohio law requires that all ambulatory surgical facilities, including abortion facilities, conclude a written transfer agreement with a local hospital, to be invoked in case of a medical emergency. Women's Med Center has been consistently unable to conclude such an agreement with any local hospital. If the abortion clinic is unable to obtain such an agreement, the facility may seek a variance from the law. ODH has denied the requests by Women's Med Center for a variance for every year since 2012 because of concerns about meeting minimum medical safety standards in an emergency situation.

"This is a strong step in the right direction for women's healthcare and the protection of innocent lives," says Paul Coudron, Executive Director of Dayton Right to Life.

While abortions in Ohio have declined significantly since 2000, the Women's Med Center on Stroop Road in Kettering has become an abortion destination, including for women out of state. For 2015, ODH statistics indicate that 2599 abortions were performed in Montgomery County, virtually all of which were done at Women's Med Center. It is not clear if Women's Med Center will pursue court action to appeal the decision of ODH Director Hodges. However, the ODH decision will hopefully save the lives of infants who are currently being murdered at Women's Med Center at the rate of about 50 per week.



"Our hope is that these doors will be permanently closed soon and healing can begin in our community. We can't thank enough the many churches and individuals who have prayed and witnessed for life in front of this clinic for years," says Margie Christie, Assistant Executive Director.

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