

Medical Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting
February 9, 2017

Members Present: Robert Lash (Chair) Marschall Runge, Sami Malek, Reddy Rishindra, Jean Song, Alon Weizer, Husam Alghanem and Whit Froehlich

Presenter: Lisa H. Harris, M.D., Ph.D.

Presentation: Reproductive Health In The Health Care System

New Business: Dr. Robert Lash as new (Chair) of MAAC

Dr. Lash opened the meeting by welcoming the committee as the new (Chair) of the committee and asked members to introduce themselves before he introduced Dr. Lisa Harris.

Dr. Harris gave an overview of reproductive health services which included abortion procedures and “Changing Landscape for Reproductive Health at the University of Michigan.

Topics of Discussion:

- ❖ Abortion Stigma
- ❖ Cost of Abortion at Michigan Medicine vs Planned Parenthood
- ❖ Abortion and University of Michigan Mission
- ❖ Abortion Education Training at University of Michigan
- ❖ University of Michigan Role in Abortion Research

Committee members inquired as to how funding is received for Planned Parenthood and Dr. Harris explained that over 30 million dollars in private funding (who request to remain anonymous) has been received and that Planned Parenthood does not receive federal funding for abortion procedures but does receive federal funding for general routine health screenings for women at Planned Parenthood.

Dr. Harris stated that abortion is a hard topic for women to speak about because of religious and other beliefs. She explained about the “Stigma” associated with abortion that abortion is often times feared as wrong, unusual, rare and deviant and the “stigma generates silence and the silence generates stigma.”

Topics of Concerns for Planned Parenthood:

- ❖ State Level Restrictions
- ❖ Threats and Harassments
- ❖ Protesters
- ❖ Hate Mail
- ❖ Targets of video sting operations
- ❖ FOIA requests
- ❖ Reversal of Roe vs. Wade (Federal Decision)

The MAAC committee was very impressed with Dr. Harris’ presentation and commended her on her efforts to educate others on the issues of reproductive health and abortion.

Dr. Lash extending the invitation for others to join MACC in hopes to represent the entire campus

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30am with