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Reproductive health needs unmet?

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Planned Parenthood asserts that their presence in Dubuque is necessary because the reproductive health needs of women in our area are not being met. But, listen to the audacity of Ann Straley, board member of Planned Parenthood of East Central Iowa:

“We would like to have a facility where (clients) can be comfortable,” and “where they can receive fair information in a presentation that is non-threatening” (*Telegraph Herald*, Aug. 1). She prefaced the comments by saying that no existing facility is comparable to what Planned Parenthood will provide.

So the numerous private physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant practices, the Women’s Wellness Center, Hillcrest Family Services, Crescent Community Health Center, and the VNA, are *not* providing the pregnancy testing, counseling, cancer screening, STI testing and intervention and contraception consultation in a fair, comfortable, non-threatening presentation?

Hmmm. We need Planned Parenthood in Dubuque, not because the same services are not available, but because the same services are superior in a Planned Parenthood facility. Or is it that Planned Parenthood wants more aggressive referral to one of their abortion-providing facilities? Is that the “fair presentation” we need? Beware of the wolf in sheep’s clothing.