

Good evening, my name is Gerald Klaas, I'm here this evening with my wife, Eva. We moved to Brookings in 2002.

I'm here tonight to express my concern regarding the School Based Clinic operating on the high school campus.

I have reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding that became effective May 28, 2008, and although I have not yet seen a signed copy of the MOU as it was renewed in January of 2016, it is my understanding that the currently effective MOU is essentially the same as the one from 2008.

In reviewing the MOU from 2008, I noted the list of included services is defined at a very high level, basically to the point where pretty much anything could be deemed as in-scope.

I understand that the clinic provides some services such as immunizations and routine physicals for participants in school sports programs that are clearly related to the mission of the schools, and are very convenient to have available on campus. However, since access to this clinic is on school property, students have access to this clinic, and whatever services it provides, that they wouldn't have easy access to if the clinic was not on school property. Granted, I know that parents have the option to opt-out of allowing their children to access the clinic, but I wonder, if I can't tell from reading the MOU what services the clinic provides, how would parents know, and why wouldn't parents have to opt-in to access those services when they want them?

In my career, I'm a Certified Project Management Professional, so I'm trained to ask about things like scope, and defining what is and isn't included in a contract, and particularly, how is scope controlled?

So I have a few rhetorical questions:

Has the scope of the clinic changed since the MOU was first signed in 2008? If it has, how would I know? How would you know? Better yet, how would parents know? Has there been any state legislation or regulatory changes since 2008 that changed either the scope of services or the way certain services are provided in the clinic? If so, how was the Board informed? How were parents informed?

Does the Board have an ongoing review process to ensure that the services provided on campus are compliant with the intention of the MOU?

Last month, my wife and I looked in through the window at the clinic and noted a pamphlet on the literature rack called the Rational Enquirer, which I have provided copies to you this evening.

If you want to turn to page 2 (which is the 6th page of the handout), I'd like to point out a page on "Exploring the safer sex buffet", with sub-text "Who doesn't love a buffet?" You might also want to look at page 15 (the 19th page of the handout) with title "I claim the right to choose my ultimate gender."

I ask, since this is being distributed on school grounds, with the authority of the Board, is this the message the Board intended the clinic to provide?

Is this publication consistent with the health education curriculum of the school, a curriculum that promotes abstinence as the healthiest choice for these age groups? Or has this publication, crossed from health services into advocacy of a more risky lifestyle?