

Planned Parenthood disputes data

John Pisciotta's commentary on
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On the surface, the *Waco Tribune-Herald* article (available on this web site) challenges our evidence of Planned Parenthood Waco failure to report statutory rape. The Executive Director of PP Waco and two officials with the Waco Police Department are interviewed for the story. They rightly state that the Pro-Life Waco report tally cannot be viewed as precisely correct. On the other hand, no one comes close to substantiating the Planned Parenthood Waco claim of 98 reports yearly from February of 2005 to July of 2006.

Pro-Life Waco's two-year investigation under the Texas Open Records Act focuses on reports by Planned Parenthood Waco to the Waco Police Department and the Texas Department for Family and Protective Services. The *WacoTrib* article disputes our WPD numbers but is silent regarding data we obtained from TDFPS.

If the number of 98 reports yearly were correct, Planned Parenthood Waco could simply release a log of their reports to law enforcement for 2005-2006 to completely discredit Pro-Life Waco. Their failure to do so is quite incriminating.

The only log that was mentioned in the *WacoTrib* news story was for a later period of July 2006 to July 2007. And this log indicated 46 reports of statutory rape--less than half the annual rate of 98 for the previous period. Why did the rate drop by more than 50% from 98 to 46? Could this be because 98 was a made-up number rather than real?

One Waco PD official seems to imply that the call log we obtained was for legal problems occurring at Planned Parenthood clinics. If this were true, the legal situation at PP Waco is even more severe than we have imagined. In March of 2004, there were six calls on the log for sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault. In just one day of March 2004, there were three calls relating to these crimes. Are we to believe that these calls were for rapes taking place at Planned Parenthood? While I do not hold Planned Parenthood in high regard, I cannot accept such a negative interpretation of these sexual assault calls to Waco PD. Plainly, these calls were to report the sexual assault of Planned Parenthood child clients.

A Waco Police Department official states that the call log we obtained would miss situations in which statutory rape encountered at PP Waco was reported by an employee sent to the police department to make the report. This is true. However, it is doubtful that an

active business like Planned Parenthood would often absorb employee time in this manner.

The article states that Pro-Life Waco determined the reports to Waco PD based on addresses provided for call locations. This is an error in the news story. Waco PD provided PLW the full log of calls from Planned Parenthood. So there can be no discrepancy here.

The *Waco Trib* article states that reports of statutory rape could have been placed to other smaller police departments and sheriff departments in PP Waco's ten-county service area. I acknowledged this possibly in my press conference. Because the two PP Waco clinics are located in the city of Waco and most of its clients are likely from Waco, this appears to be the destination for most mandated reports of statutory rape of their child clients. Thanks to Texas open records legislation, this is a matter that can be further investigated.

In conclusion, the *WacoTrib* article is correct in stating there probably are more reports of statutory rape by PP Waco than Pro-Life Waco has found at this point. We acknowledge that additional reports could have been made to police departments that are much smaller than the Waco PD.

However, the *Waco Trib* article does not offer a hint about just how many additional reports there may be. If Planned Parenthood had the data for the 98 reports annually, they would not have hesitated to release their information.

Let's assume there are additional reports and that PLW's numbers are off by a factor of three. So, instead of seven reports of statutory rape per year there hypothetically were 21. This still does not bring us anywhere near the rate of 98 per year claimed by Planned Parenthood Waco. The gap between what Planned Parenthood Waco claims and what Pro-Life Waco has uncovered is huge.

The evidence from open records inquiries for Planned Parenthood Waco is very incriminating. Plus, we know from secret recordings that Planned Parenthood nationwide coaches young girls to conceal or lie about their age to avoid mandatory reporting of statutory rape.

Pro-Life Waco has acquired much evidence regarding Planned Parenthood Waco's inadequate reporting of statutory rape. We intend to acquire more evidence and pursue the truth.