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More State Medical Problems for Governor Perry

Perry's handpicked Texas State Medical Board members might have targeted and violated integrative doctors' constitutional rights.

September 20, 2011 — While significant public attention has been paid to Governor Rick Perry's executive order mandating that all sixth grade girls in Texas receive the human papillomavirus vaccine, the Alliance for Natural Health USA (ANH-USA) reports that there is another issue that the Perry campaign will soon need to explain to the public.

"Serious charges have been leveled against Texas State Medical Board members—in particular, their practice of anonymously targeting and trying to ruin integrative medical practitioners. So why did Governor Perry reappoint those same people to the board after their terms expired?" asked Gretchen DuBeau, executive and legal director of ANH-USA. "Governor Perry reappointed these state medical board members even after allegations of crony capitalism were raised. We need to press Governor Perry about his relationship with the Texas State Medical Board, which the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled against," said DuBeau.

ANH-USA reported last year on the lawsuit against the Texas State Medical Board (TMB) by the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS). AAPS charged the board with manipulation through anonymous complaints; conflicts of interest; violations of due process; breaches of privacy; and retaliation against those who speak out.

In December of 2010, the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled against the TMB, allowing the AAPS's landmark litigation to proceed to prove

wrongdoing by the board. In its unanimous decision, the Court ruled that “If practiced systemically, such abuses may have violated or chilled AAPS members’ constitutional rights,” and said the lawsuit could offer proof of these misdeeds and establish a pattern of misconduct.

In 2007, Perry reappointed Roberta Kalufut to the TMB, even though she was specifically charged in the AAPS lawsuit as follows: “[Kalufut] arranged for her husband to file anonymous complaints against other physicians, including her competitors in Abilene [and] worked inside the TMB, with other defendants, to discipline doctors based on anonymous complaints filed by her physician husband.” Kalufut resigned in 2008.

“Perry has faced major questions about pharmaceutical company influence over his executive order mandating HPV vaccines for young girls—a vaccine which the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says has caused nearly 1,500 serious adverse events, such as blood clots, the neurological disorder Guillain-Barre Syndrome, and 68 reports of death. Now significant new questions are arising about Perry’s handpicked TMB using government resources to put board members’ competition out of business,” said DuBeau.

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