

OPS HGD BREAKS TRUST – HOLDS TEEN SEX CONFERENCE at UNO

Dave: I am here with Dr. Safranek, who is an infectious disease specialist in practice here in Omaha. He has worked with our SOS (sex out of schools) Squad for the past several months. For our listeners, the SOS Squad has been involved in learning about and educating the community on Omaha Public Schools (OPS) proposed expansion of their Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE) curriculum, which OPS has explained will feature expanded discussion of masturbation, abortion, contraception and the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Queer (GLBTQ) homosexual lifestyles.

Doctor, we have several things to discuss related to OPS' CSE initiative, including their recent all day Teen Empowerment Conference at UNO, that included coed relay races with condoms and plastic models of erect penis', a demonstration of a condom fitted to a banana, a rape video, access to an abortion counselor, Planned Parenthood displays, and distribution of a goodie bag that had the logo "*the Meaning of Care*" from Methodist Hospital printed on it, the contents of which included multiple condoms and an oral sex dental dam. We are told that OPS bused students from all of their high schools and McMillan magnet middle school, and that even Bellevue District students attended, while OPS teachers helped to chaperone.

Unbelievable I know, but before we jump into the horrific details of the event, our listeners need to understand some recent background of the OPS Comprehensive Sexual Education initiative that was launched by the OPS Board back in May 2014, over 18 months ago.

OPS recently held a Community Forum on 10/20/15, with over 1800 in attendance, to present their proposed new Comprehensive Sex Education Curriculum Standards, which OPS officials have acknowledged reflect the K-12 National Sexuality Education Standards posted on Planned Parenthood's website. At that October forum they shared their Human Growth and Development Frequently Asked Questions (which we understand were mailed to every OPS parent). The FAQ claimed to summarize their CSE perspective.

Dr S: Dave, that fact sheet was 2 pages. Can you recap the important points on that FAQ sheet?

Dave: The FAQ included the following statements:

- “The Omaha Public Schools believe that parents should be the primary educators of their children in matters of sexuality education.”
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- “...OPS will always encourage abstaining from all sexual activity, especially high risk behaviors... no one wants teens to be sexually active...Abstinence will always be encouraged...”
- In response to the question “Does OPS support consensual sexual behavior between school age students?” , OPS replied “No, absolutely not”
- “...boys and girls are separated during the lessons...”
- “...OPS does not permit the distribution of contraceptives...”
- When asked “Will OPS be showing any pornography” , OPS replied “Absolutely not”
- In response to the question “How have parents been involved so far in the development of content standards?” OPS responded...”They have been engaged in numerous ways.... A community forum was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015”

There were 1800 plus in attendance at the Community Forum and none of them were allowed to speak. Is this what OPS meant by stating in the FAQ that parents were ...”*engaged in the development of the content standards*” ?

As I mentioned earlier, we understand copies of the FAQ sheet were ultimately mailed to OPS parents. But the very week after the Forum, children from all the OPS high schools and a magnet middle school, were bused to UNO on Oct 30th for an all-day event (Reservation forms at UNO show that the event was booked as a Teen Empowerment Conference and coordinated by Lesley Dean, who works for OPS)

Folks, when you hear what the event entailed, I believe you too will conclude that many of the statements in the OPS Fact Sheet were contradicted within days of the Community Forum, provoking the question, if parents can’t trust OPS with their current curriculum, how in the world can they trust their children to OPS with the proposed expanded CSE curriculum This deception is sad, but even worse is the real effect these curricula have on vulnerable children.

Doctor can you please share with our listeners what you have learned about this Teen Empowerment Conference?

Dr S: Dave I had the opportunity to meet with a student a week ago who shared his experiences at an event that he became aware of from one of his teachers. After the event the student referred to it as a sex concentration camp.

He said he learned of this sex camp from a teacher and that the first 100 kids who signed up were to get free movie tickets, so he was eager to enroll to get a ticket, even though he knew nothing else about the event.

Dave: Did his mom know anything about the event?

Dr. S: He said he told his mom about it and gave her the link he had been given to a site where she could give her permission for him to attend. Dave, I have seen the online form she filled out and there is no mention of the contents of this event. The mother stated that since it was recommended by a trusted OPS teacher, she assumed it would be an educational event.

Dave: So how did students get to UNO for this event?

Dr. S: The students from his school were mainly juniors who were taking the HGD class, but some seniors attended. They were picked up on the morning of October 30th and taken to the UNO campus on buses that appeared to be yellow OPS school buses. He said his bus was full.

Dave: Did he say how many students were at the UNO event?

Dr S. Yes, he said there were a lot of students there, hundreds he said.

Dave: Wow, hundreds?

Dr. S: Yes, he said there were students from North, South and he thought from Bellevue West as well, but he thought students from other schools also attended.

Dave: So even students outside of OPS attended ?

Dr. S: That's what I was told.

Dave: So have you learned of any other schools that were represented at this event, at what's been described as a sex camp?

Dr. S: Yes, we have further learned that all OPS high schools were represented, additionally including Burke, Central and Northwest, and also unfortunately younger students from McMillan, a Magnet middle school for seventh and eighth graders..

Dave: Wow - the UNO Community Engagement Center listed the event as a TEEN EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE – but the student said it was clearly a sex camp - hmmm – makes one wonder if UNO really knew how their facility was being used that day?

So how was the conference run once they arrived on the UNO campus?

Dr S: Dave, what we know so far is what we've learned from this student. When they arrived they received a goodie bag that we can talk about later, and then they were broken up into co-ed groups of 20 or 30 students. They then were moved throughout the conference into what he described as stations (there were 8 or 9 Rooms reserved according to UNO). He said the stations were manned by people who appeared to be college students as well as older folks.

Dave: Was this an all day event?

Dr. S: Yes, this was an all day event, and lunch was provided

Dave: Were there any OPS teachers at the event?

Dr. S: Yes, the student said there was at least one OPS teacher there from his school and people from Methodist Hospital, but we have been informed that there were OPS teachers chaperoning students from the represented schools.

Dave: So did Methodist Hospital sponsor the event?

Dr. S: The student stated that he didn't know who sponsored the event. However, he made the assumption from all the signage posted everywhere that Planned Parenthood had sponsored the event.

Dave: But the OPS Fact Sheet (FAQ) claimed that "*Planned Parenthood has not been a part of our curriculum in the past nor will it be in the future.*" I guess we can cross that one off. So, did the student share a rundown of the day?

Dr. S: Of course. He said that they started out the day in a lecture. He said among the first things they saw was a demonstration of how to put a condom on a banana. A woman named Felicia was part of the proceedings. There was a lot of talk about sexual words and slang. They explained the objects and activities to which all the words referred. He remembered a female abortion provider being there.

Dave: Dr, you had mentioned stations earlier, did the student elaborate on that at all?

Dr. S: Well after the stimulating kickoff lecture, he said they moved through a number of different stations over the course of the day. He said at one of the stations his group was broken up into several smaller coed teams. .

Dave: There was a competition?

Dr S: Yes, it turned out it was a condom race.

Dave: How do you have a race with a condom? What did they do with the condom?

Dr S: Well Dave, the student told me that there were several full scale models of an erect penis on a table and the students ran a kind of relay race. Each student had to race up to a plastic penis, put the condom on the penis and then take it off and race back to the line. The boys had to pick up the erect plastic penis and take the condom off as though they were taking it off of themselves, but apparently they didn't force the girls to pick the penis model off the table.

Dave: I thought the OPS FAQ sheet said that "*boys and girls are separated during the lessons*", better cross that one off too. So was there, like a prize for winning?

Dr S: Yes, the student said they were trying to see which group could go the fastest because that group would be rewarded with candy. However, in the end everyone got candy anyway.

Dave: Apart from the candy, did the students get a kick out of this?

Dr S: Dave, the student said no one was comfortable. They quite naturally thought the whole thing was weird. In fact he said one guy in his group didn't want anything to do with the race, but the chaperone pressured him into going through with it.

Dave: Did he describe any of the other stations?

Dr. S: Yes, he said that at another station they had the opportunity to give a urine specimen for an HIV check. He said it was confidential and parents would not find out.

Dave: So they told the students that their parents would not find out? So much for the claim on the OPS FAQ sheet that "*parents should be the primary educator of their children in matters of sexuality education*". Kind of hard to be primary if not in the loop.

So what else happened?

Dr. S: He said that at another station they played music, some of it he had heard before. He said the music was about using drugs and sexual things.

He said that those working at the station made a point of explaining all the words. He said there were words he didn't know or need to know.

Dave: Wow! This truly does sound like a sex camp. I am really wondering what other parents, OPS teachers, OPS leadership, and students think about what was learned at this event. This is unbelievable! I am afraid to ask Dr., but just so we can inform parents, was there anything else the student shared with you?

Dr. S: There was a movie.

He said it showed people at a party and a guy put a drug into a girl's drink that made her nearly pass out. He said the movie showed the guy taking the girl to a car and raping her. The student said it was obvious what was going on in the car, and that the girl was pounding on the car window and struggling.

Dave: Dr., you had mentioned that the student had said there was Planned Parenthood (PP) signage all over.

So what else did he learn about Planned Parenthood while he was there?

Dr. S: He said that they learned at the event all about the locations of PP facilities and all the other places they could go for free condoms and birth control, and that there were places to get an abortion.

Dave: I guess we can again cross off the OPS fact sheet (FAQ) Commitment that... *“Planned Parenthood has not been a part of our curriculum in the past, nor will it be in the future”*

So, I just want to make sure I am understanding this right. They make a coed game out of putting condoms on a plastic model of an erect penis, provide free HIV testing (with no parental knowledge of results), show a rape video, show how to put a condom on a banana, PP is everywhere, this is all co-ed and he learned about this event from an OPS teacher and was bused there on OPS buses, with OPS teachers in attendance?

Was there any talk at all to these children about abstinence?

Dr. S: Well Dave, I asked if abstinence was discussed at all and the student said it was mentioned in passing but that was definitely not the take home message. He said the facilitators told them the reason they were holding this event was to better prepare the students for how the world really was and that it was better to learn all this now rather than have bad things happen later.

In fact, he said the program made it seem like sex was all ok just as long as you had backup, that is, protection of some kind.

Dave, not only did they gloss over abstinence, but the student could recall almost NO discussion of condom failures or the limited ability of condoms to prevent transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.

Dave: I guess we can now cross off multiple claims on the OPS Fact sheet (FAQ) that *“OPS will always encourage abstaining from all sexual activity, especially high risk behaviors... no one wants teens to be sexually active...Abstinence will always be encouraged.”*

Doctor, just so I am understanding this right. They made sex outside of marriage seem ok just as long as you wore a condom? What about the consequences of risky sexual behavior? What about the emotional and psychological impacts of premarital sex and abortion? What about protecting your heart and body? There are no condoms for the heart. This attitude aligns with the opinion of multiple OPS administrators that consensual sex between school age children should not be taught as immoral. I may be old fashioned, but I think we need to think about that.

What was the student's reaction to all of this?

Dr S: He said it wasn't at all an enjoyable day and he wished he hadn't gone. He said he knew that if his mother had known what she was signing him up for, she never would have registered him. He said he saw things there that he cannot unsee, and he wishes he had not seen or heard the events of the day.

Dave: What about the other students, what did he think their perspective was?

Dr S.: He said he didn't think any of the students enjoyed it, and everyone appeared to be uncomfortable even on the buses coming home from the event. He felt as though they were forced to participate once they were at the event. He said he hopes his little sister never has to go through this class and he said that if he was dating a girl, he would not want her to have gone to this sex camp either.

Dave: This is so sad. What was his mom's reaction?

Dr S: She was angry and feeling somewhat guilty because she had given her permission for this. You see, she had thought this was just going to be some kind of educational event that OPS was sponsoring at UNO. The digital permission slip that her son linked her to did not include any details of the event. She really regretted not looking further into the event, but she said she had up until now wrongly trusted the people at OPS to show more wisdom and concern for her children. She felt OPS had now broken that trust. She was eager for us to let other parents know what is happening to their children. She felt that everyone had to work together to be sure that OPS could not do this to children ever again.

Dave: So disappointing that parents can't trust OPS to act in their children's best interests.

Given all that has been shared, as a tax payer, my trust of OPS and what they use our taxpayer funds for has been put to question. With the current NE state budget at nearly \$8.7BB, of which ~\$3.85BB (or nearly 45% of State tax revenue) is spent on Public Education, I am sure taxpayers are wondering who is held accountable at UNO for hosting such an event, and who is accountable at OPS, whose employee was the event coordinator and had OPS students bused to and from UNO at taxpayer expense for the event.

Back to the event. Doc, you mentioned that when the students arrived they all received a goodie bag. I'm almost afraid to ask, but do we know what was in the bag?

Dr. S. Well, Dave, the parents had taken the bag from their son when he got home because they didn't want the younger kids in the home getting at the contents. They turned the bag over to me. Let me tell you about it. As you can see the large bag carries the logo "*the Meaning of Care*" and is from Methodist Hospital. So let's see just what content the bag actually carries.

- The bag has 18 condoms of various types as well as packages of lubricant.
- Also included is a mint-flavored oral dam described as for use when engaging in oral / anal sex.
- Planned Parenthood donated a pen, a pencil, a straw, and breath mints with the 1-800 number for their education and resource center
- The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services donated small purses each containing a Planned Parenthood business card and a couple of condoms.
- Douglas County Health Department submitted a folder including advertising for services at Planned Parenthood and other facilities, including Omaha Public Library resources for free STD testings without parental knowledge.
- Nebraska Families Collaborative, a Foster youth organization, donated hand sanitizer
- Lip balm and pens were donated by GetCheckedOmaha, which is an effort sponsored by the Omaha Women's Fund, Omaha Public Schools, the Sherwood Foundation, Building Healthy Futures and others.

Dave: Doc, I am looking at what you're pulling out of the bag and it's just hard to believe. I see right here on the OPS Fact sheet "*OPS does not permit the distribution of contraceptives*". It's amazing that this actually happened. If listeners want to see for themselves what is in this bag, they can find photos of the contents at the website www.savenebraskachildren.com. That's all one word in lower case, www.savenebraskachildren.com. Doctor, I now see why the student referred to this as a sex concentration camp. But what's worse is to think about the effect that this day is going to have on the kids who were pressured to participate.

And to think there was a report that even some middle school students from McMillan magnet middle school attended (middle school is typically grades 6-8 with ages ranging from 12 to 14) – how sad. Did any students take pictures or video?

Dr. S: Yes, the student said they were allowed to take pictures and many of them did. I am in communication with the family and they will be getting those to us at their earliest convenience. Once we have those, they will also be put on the website www.savenebraskachildren.com. He mentioned that although they could take pictures they weren't allowed to take video of the event.

But he said that others who were not students were taking videos. So interestingly, parents of the OPS students who attended this event may somewhere find video documentation of their kids racing to put condoms on dildos. The footage may be on the internet, or on somebody's computer somewhere here in the city.

Dave: I wonder how that will impact future scholarship and employment opportunities. Especially if names are attached to those posts. So many consequences to these types of OPS supported events.

Dr S. Dave, I think this would be a good time to review again parts of the OPS FAQ sheet that came out around the time of this event.

Dave: Sure, listeners may recall that the FAQ sheet included the following statements:

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This FAQ sheet came out in late October just prior to the October 30th sex camp and the space for this camp was booked way back in late May. So OPS issued this FAQ sheet even though this long-planned event contradicted the sheet. This contradiction between OPS claims and the attitude reflected in this real event paint a sad picture of OPS' intentions and credibility.

Dr. S.: Dave, things speak for themselves. But I would argue that if parents cannot believe what OPS publishes on its FAQ sheet, which describes how things are under the present sex education, how can they trust OPS with the proposed new sex education curriculum that will feature expanded discussion of masturbation, abortion, contraception, and homosexuality. You can imagine what will be taught in those courses.

Dave: We can only hope that concerned parents and the OPS board will cooperate to stop the introduction of the new curriculum and do whatever is necessary to keep students from sex camps like this one, under any curriculum.

Doc, did UNO cooperate with OPS on this program?

Dr. S: I am not sure to what degree UNO was involved in this event. We are looking to see if any UNO faculty are pictured in the photos that students took at the event, but what we know now is that UNO confirmed that this event was scheduled way back at the end of May of this year, when the space was reserved by Lesley Dean from OPS.

Dave: What do we know about Lesley Dean?

Dr. S: Lesley Dean works for OPS. She reserved 8-9 rooms for the sex camp we've described within the UNO Community Engagement Building for what, according to UNO, was titled a Teen Empowerment Conference. According to OPS's website, Lesley Dean holds the Graduation Navigation/Community Liaison position, within the Independent Study Program of OPS. She is also a Board member for the North Omaha Community Care Council (NOCCC) where she also holds a co-chair position on the Youth Committee

It turns out that although Ms Dean booked the facility in late May, she reserved it in the name of the North Omaha Community Care Council. Apparently that council was an official sponsor of the event.

However, parents who mailed in their permission slips for this event sent them to Lesley Dean at her office at OPS headquarters.

Funds for the event, apart from taxpayer contributions, appear at least in part to have been derived from the “*Focus on Youth*” grant that the North Omaha Community Care Council had previously been awarded. We also understand that all the events at the various stations were preapproved by Ms. Dean. So it appears that Lesley Dean has a curious, pivotal role here, given her dual positions at OPS and at the North Omaha Community Council (NOCCC).

Dave, you’ve looked into the North Omaha Community Care Council, can you shed some light on that organization.

Dave: We have done some research and find a tangled web that appears either directly or indirectly to lead back to OPS’s CSE initiative.

According to NOCCC’s website www.northomahacc.org, they have 4 BOARD members, Lesley Dean from OPS, Wayne Houston and Debra Meyer with UNMC, & Tonya Moore with NE Childrens Home Society.

According to the website the NOCCC OFFICERS include 2 representatives from Girls Inc., Carolyn Green (NOCCC President) and Emily Mwaja (Ass’t Treasurer), 2 Douglas County Health Department employees, Aja Anderson (VP) and Sharie Nared Brooks (Treasurer). The NOCCC Secretary is Maggie Dumas, with Building Healthy Futures.

Dr S.: Dave, listeners need to understand that a whole network of people in a number of organizations is driving the sex education locomotive that’s carrying their children to a murky destination that features stops at sex camps like the one we’ve just described.

- Let’s just review again the contributors to the goodie bag and the affiliations of the leadership at the North Omaha Community Care Council that includes Lesley Dean of Omaha Public Schools. Organizations represented include Methodist Hospital, Planned Parenthood, the Omaha Women’s Fund (OWF), Douglas County Health Department, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, UNMC, NE Childrens Home Society, Girls, Inc., Building Healthy Futures (BHF), NE Families Collaborative, and GetCheckedOmaha (which we mentioned earlier is an effort sponsored by the OWF, OPS, BHF, the Sherwood Foundation, and others).

Many of these organizations that participated together for this OPS event are also linked to the effort to expand OPS’ comprehensive sex education program.

Dave: Wow what a tangled web. With train conductors including Planned

Parenthood, you need to worry where the OPS sex education train is headed.

It doesn’t sound like the goal is to develop young men and women who will aspire to build healthy and stable families.

Doctor, what do you think we can anticipate from OPS?

Dr. S.: Now that they've been caught, we can expect OPS to issue an apology once the public becomes aware of what these children have gone through. But given what we've seen already, I wouldn't be surprised to find OPS officials claiming to have done a survey that shows that parents in OPS and surrounding school districts overwhelmingly support programs like this for their children, just as they claim that these parents overwhelmingly support their plans to introduce expanded comprehensive sex education, including expanded discussion of masturbation, abortion, contraception and homosexuality.

Dave: What can parents do to protect their children from OPS?

Dr S.: Concerned parents, grandparents, God parents, and citizens can contact us for more information. We would be happy to hear from parents and grandparents whose children were herded through the UNO event we've described.

Please email us along with pictures that your children may have taken, to info@nffv.net. Other information can be accessed at the website www.savenebraskachildren.com.

At that site you can find pictures of the goodie bag and its contents, pictures from this event, and other information relating to our efforts. You can also sign up online to receive future communications from our team.

You can also express your mistrust and ask OPS to terminate their CSE initiative with calls, letters and emails to the OPS Board and OPS Superintendent Mark Evans (mark.evans@ops.org 402-557-2222). Please also plan to attend and express your opinion at the OPS Board meeting when CSE is again on the agenda.

Dave: We hope listeners see with us the deception flowing from OPS.

We have been really encouraged to find hundreds of other concerned citizens and parents as we speak to them about the plans at OPS and similar plans statewide.

Parents need to understand that they are not alone. If the thousands of parents hearing this message unite, we can stop the introduction of even more radical comprehensive sex education programs in the schools.

Given Planned Parenthood (PP) was a key player at this event, we encourage parents to learn more about PP's CSE intentions to mandate K-12 CSE nationwide at www.stopp.org

Doctor, do you have any concluding remarks?

Dr. S: The current as well as the proposed curricula in OPS provide even young children with sexual detail in a value free setting. School age kids mistakenly learn that consensual sex is moral, healthy, and appropriate. Our kids deserve better than that. We set a high bar for our children when it comes to the inappropriateness of smoking, alcohol and drug use, bullying, violence, and disrespectful behavior toward others. Our children deserve a curriculum that sets a similar high bar on

sexual behavior. The curriculum needs to instruct and model behaviors that will help our young people enjoy a healthy childhood and adolescence so that they can later develop the healthy and stable families of which they dream and which healthy communities require. I urge devoted parents to help us assure such a future for Omaha children.

Dave: Thank you Dr. Well said and definitely from your heart. I know you are a very busy professional like myself, but I also know how dear this issue is to you, so thank you for your time and effort to protect OPS children and teens, from this assault on their innocence.