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Upcoming agenda item:

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the matter of the Quincy Medical Group application for a birthing center/hospital.

Not only have I reviewed the letters of support for this proposal, I have tried to take a step back and review the previous history and actions of the Quincy Medical Group and other private multi-speciality groups in forming my opinion.

The practice of the Quincy Medical Group and other such for profit groups is, at the end of the day, to make as much money as possible for the entity and its shareholders. This is very important to remember. The letters of support you received may reference lower C-section rates, pre-term deliveries and inductions. While this may be true at the birthing centers, please don't be misled by the statement. Think about why those rates are lower. A reasonable person would sniff out that more well-educated, insured and compliant patients would use the private birthing centers - this in turn may lead to a selection bias in the patient population. A review of the populations benefiting from such centers would highlight an important statistic of those benefiting from the birthing center that the letters of support failed to mention. If I could be more precise with my prediction of the truth, it would be that the birthing center of Quincy Medical Group would further the cause of "white privilege". White families of middle to upper class are the most likely to be served by such facilities. The birthing centers would in fact raise the numbers of preterm babies/ c-sections/ inductions at traditional medical facilities by simply removing the patients that are more well to do with more access to prenatal education, family/financial support, and higher socioeconomic status. In summary, the white privilege moves to the birthing center and the crumbs are left to the more vulnerable of society. Why? So big business can make more profit for its shareholders as those of privilege are often well stocked with insurance policies. Already, Quincy Medical Group has made a habit of sidestepping the more vulnerable of society at every possibility. Just take a look at the rate of public aid and no-pay patients they serve. If they do make it into their system, every opportunity is taken to shift them out of their institution as soon as possible since they are seen as a burden on their profit machine. It's no secret that public aid and uninsured patient's are a money losing proposition for a QMG provider and that with decreased educational levels of the patient's, it takes much longer to provide care not to mention a lower compliance with therapy.

Although Quincy Medical Group is no different from many other medical centers who see patients as "profit centers", the time has come from the government to do their part in putting a stop to "white privilege" in health care. Carthage hospital has spoken strongly about the need for this birthing center. In fact, Carthage hospital sits in an area that has a large underserved community surrounding it. Let Quincy Medical Group partner with Carthage hospital in Carthage, IL - form a birthing center on a smaller scale and prove not only quality but commitment to serving the entire community including the minority populations with public aid that for too long have been forgotten. If they can prove their willingness to provide care to everyone especially the less privileged, it would change my mind.

Help those who don't have the golden insurance policies, college education, or well-to-do parents. I am not against Quincy Medical Group, but let's be honest - this is a money grab at the expense of the Blessing Hospital who is and will be the medical system for those society has left behind. Look through the smoke and mirrors of the well paid lobbyist straight into the eyes of tomorrow's generation. Don't say "no" to Quincy Medical Group but rather make them prove their commitment through their actions that they will be the Medical Group for everyone not just the Quincy Privileged Group.