Mifepristone Access Update

In April, a Federal Texas judge issued a ruling in Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which withdrew the current FDA approval for a medication abortion drug called mifepristone. It also threatens the availability of mifepristone for miscarriage management. The ruling was partially upheld, but partially stayed, by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In response to an emergency pleading from the Department of Justice, the Supreme Court acted to protect mifepristone for now. But the threat to medication abortion nationwide remains.

Access to mifepristone allows people to make their own decisions about their reproductive lives and futures. Medication abortion with mifepristone accounts for over half of abortions in the United States. Patients choose medication abortion because they value the noninvasive nature, and the ability to complete their abortion in their home and with their support system. Medication abortion promotes access to early abortion, largely because in states like California, not only physicians but many advanced practice clinicians, like nurse practitioners and physician’s assistants, are able to provide access to patients.

This case should not be in the courts at all. Mifepristone is safe, effective, and has been used by more than five million people in the U.S. since the FDA approved it more than 20 years ago. Research over the past 20 years has increasingly demonstrated the safety of medication abortion. In fact, ongoing studies have resulted in expanded approval of mifepristone. The initial 2000 approval was up to 49 days or 7 weeks gestation; in 2016 it was approved up to 70 days gestation or 10 weeks of pregnancy.

At Planned Parenthood California Central Coast, we believe that everyone should have the ability to make decisions about their own reproductive lives and futures, without political interference. Patients and providers are the experts on their own healthcare - not judges and politicians. **Our team of doctors, nurses, and other health center staff stand ready to support our patients, no matter what.**
Welcome Dr. Snavely!

PPCCC is happy to introduce Dr. Michael Snavely!

Dr. Snavely started as PPCCC’s Staff Physician in 2022 and joins our CMO, Dr. Guiahi, as an additional procedural abortion provider on our team. He is the new Program Director for our Gender Affirming Care services and is leading our efforts in launching some primary care and behavioral health support for patients. Dr. Snavely is also the Program Director for our new Hepatitis C services, including more robust testing protocols and internal treatment options. These projects are pertinent for our patients to access to the equitable health care they deserve, and Dr. Snavely is an incredible addition to making these expansions possible.

Dr. Snavely is a board-certified family medicine physician. He completed his doctorate at the Washington University School of Medicine in 2018 and completed his Family and Community Medicine Residency Program at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) in July 2021. At UCSF, Dr. Snavely provided full-spectrum primary care at an urban Federally Qualified Health Center, which included family planning services, STI screening and treatment, and Preexposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) management for a high-risk population. During his residency, he served at Planned Parenthood of Northern California, Mar Monte, and Southwest and Central Florida, where he gained further experience providing safety-net sexual and reproductive health care services. Dr. Snavely is bilingual in Spanish and an active member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the California Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Medical Association.

We are thankful for all the incredible work Dr. Snavely continues to do for our affiliate!

Saying Goodbye to Choice Affairs

After nearly 40 years, we have said goodbye to our Choice Affairs event series.

We want to give a huge thank you to everyone who participated in these events over the years—the countless volunteers who tirelessly planned and hosted these events, and all the amazing supporters who contributed to this effort generously year after year.

In order to continue offering a meaningful way for our valued supporters to get involved, we have created an online toolkit to help you independently plan and host your own event benefiting PPCCC. We hope you will use this Houseparty Toolkit with your friends and family to show your support for our mission in a similar and engaging way. We are here to answer any questions you may have about using the toolkit. Thanks so much for your continued support!

Find the toolkit along with more information at ppcentralcoast.org under the “Contact Us” section or scan the QR code!
PPCCC’s CEO Takes on a National Leadership Role

Our CEO, Jenna Tosh, was recently elected to Chair the **Affiliate Chief Executive Council (ACEC)** - the national body of Planned Parenthood affiliate CEOs. She will serve a two-year term, beginning July 1, 2023. As ACEC Chair, Jenna will preside over meetings of ACEC, which serve as critical convenings for affiliate CEOs to discuss mission, business, and strategic issues facing Planned Parenthood affiliates. Jenna will also serve on the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) Board of Directors and support the important partnership between the national office and the 49 local Planned Parenthood affiliates delivering care across the country. The ACEC Chair role is an important leadership role in the Federation and the PPCCC Board and Senior Leadership Team are proud that our CEO will hold this position.

Half Your DAF!

We have the opportunity for donations to have an even bigger impact through the **#HalfMyDAF movement.**

Over $234 billion sits in Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) across the country. The goal of #HalfMyDAF is to move that money to nonprofits like ours by randomly giving away unrestricted matching grants. If you are a DAF holder and commit to spending down half of the money that was in your DAF on March 1, 2023 by September 29, 2023, all the grants you make to us or other nonprofits are eligible for a match from #HalfMyDAF.

**Double Your Gift! #HalfMyDAF will make dollar-for-dollar matches of up to $5,000** on July 3, 2023 and again on October 2, 2023. There is also a chance of receiving a match of up to $50,000.

Since starting in 2020, the #HalfMyDAF community has awarded over $33 million in grants. The more donors who commit to spending down at least half of their DAF and give to us, the more likely we are to receive a match. Learn more about #HalfMyDAF at halfmydaf.com.

“I hope others will join me in taking advantage of this amazing program to make our money go further - and get much needed funds for PPCCC. I know many of you have some of your wealth in Donor Advised Funds like I do. #HalfyourDAF is a wonderful opportunity to double your gifts to the organizations you love.”

- PPCCC Donor Edie Lycke

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1. **Safe, secure online donations:**
   Your gift to PPCCC is protected by VeriSign. Enjoy secure credit card convenience when you visit ppcentralcoast.org and click the “Donate” link at the top of the page.

2. **Pledge your monthly support:**
   A small amount each month makes an important difference each year. Call Zoe to start your monthly giving: 805.722.1517.

3. **Remember PPCCC in your will:**
   Tomorrow’s dollars are just as important as today’s dollars. Adding a charitable bequest to your existing will takes just a quick phone call to your legal or estate planning advisor. Call Lindsay Soleimani for more information: 805.722.1522.

4. **Volunteer**
   We are always looking for volunteers for the Mary Jane McCord Planned Parenthood Book Sale. Our volunteers work year-round sorting and pricing books for the sale. If you are interested in volunteering please visit ppcbccbooksale.com.

Looking for other volunteer opportunities with PPCCC? Please email volunteers@ppcentralcoast.org

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**Pink Week** is an annual collaboration between Planned Parenthood California Central Coast and local businesses.

Throughout the week-long event, local businesses along the Central Coast offer an item for sale. During the week they commit to donate a percentage or flat amount per sale of that item to PPCCC.

This event not only helps raise money for PPCCC, but it also highlights the wonderful local businesses that call the Central Coast their home.

If you are interested in learning more, please follow us on Instagram @ppcacentralcoast, and if you own or support a local business that may want to participate, please email elissa.padilla@ppcentralcoast.org!

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**ANNUAL BOOK SALE**

Our Annual Book Sale is back this year at the Earl Warren Showgrounds!

**Save the Date**

September 14th - 24th, 2023

For more information on our upcoming sale, and how to donate books year-round, please scan the QR code or visit: www.booksale.ppcentralcoast.org.

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**GO GREEN!** If you would like to receive this newsletter via email only, please email development@ppcentralcoast.org or call 805.722.1517 to update your preferences.
Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and sponsored our hybrid Birds and Bees Bash this year that took place on April 29, 2023. The evening was filled with a great program, laughs, dinner, a fabulous drag show and lots of dancing. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to net over $425,000 for our affiliate and for that we cannot thank you enough!

HUGE thank you to our event sponsors:

Special thank you to our event co-chairs: Mary Blair, Kristen Klingbeil-Weis and Monica M. Kunz and our event committee:
THANK YOU to our Ventura County supporters for joining us at our Power of Love brunch on March 5, 2023 at the Spanish Hills Club in Camarillo! More than 180 guests helped us net around $100,000 for health care services in Ventura County.

A special thank you to our co-chairs Madhu Bajaj and Janine McMurdie, and to our event committee: Janet Barron, Gail Weller Brown, Rosemary Chavoya, Felicia Duenas, Maureen Durkin, Dorothy Elchoness, Lynda Girtsman, Parul Gupta, Paula Iwamoto-Schaap, Kelly Lack, Linda Le Brock, Leilani Mayer, Michelle Schroeder, Marianne Slaughter, Chelsea Sutula and Yvonne Tang.

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Thank you to our SLO County supporters for joining us at our 2023 SLO Together event at The Carrisa in Downtown SLO on February 8, 2023.

With your help we netted over $65,000 for health care services in San Luis Obispo County.

Thanks to event co-chairs, Rita Holland, DD Patrick, and Susan Stenovac for making our event a success!