

Idaho Organization of Resource Councils

The Idaho Organization of Resource Councils (IORC) is a grantee of the USCCB's Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), having received a total of \$325,000 since 2015. Their most recent grant for the year 2020-2021 was for \$75,000, according to the list published by the CCHD.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES

Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Diocese of Boise	Idaho Organization of Resource Councils	Economic Justice	75,000.00

IORC states that its mission is to "empower people to improve the well-being of their communities, sustain family farms and ranches, transform local food systems, promote clean energy, and advocate for responsible stewardship of Idaho's natural resources." However, the organization is promoting transgender ideologies, is a member of coalitions which promote abortion and LGBT ideologies, and is headed by individuals who promote the same.

On March 4, 2022, IORC issued a tweet asking readers to "Please take a minute to support our transgender friends and family members." The object of the tweet was a retweet of what the ACLU of Idaho stated, which was, "Every child in Idaho should have the right to access the healthcare they need to survive and thrive." And in the ACLU tweet was a link to a <u>call by the ACLU for opposition to House Bill 675</u>, which prohibits medical professionals from performing transition therapies or surgeries on children. In short, IORC formally endorsed opposition to a ban on the sexual mutilation of children.



Please take a minute to support our transgender friends and family members.



🔐 ACLU of Idaho @acluidaho · Mar 4

Every child in Idaho should have the right to access the healthcare they need to survive and thrive. #ProtectTransKids #idleg #Idpol

acluidaho.org/en/press-relea...

5:49 PM · Mar 4, 2022 · Twitter Web App

On March 8, IORC retweeted another call to action in order to convince the Idaho state legislature to oppose a ban on the sexual mutilation of children.



ta IORC Retweeted





Legal Voice @Legal Voice · Mar 8

#HB675 has passed the house and is heading to the Senate.

Tell the Senate State Affairs Committee to vote NO on #HB675 when it shows up in their committee. #idleg

Take action here: bit.ly/ProtectTransKi...





The link in IORC's retweet takes one to a <u>petition page</u> telling Idaho senators to "Vote No on HB675." The personal message to senators, automatically sent by the petition says:

"I urge you to vote no on HB675, the bill that would criminalize medical professionals for providing gender affirming care to transgender youth. All youth deserve access to the healthcare they need and deserve. This bill only serves to insert government into a young person's medical decision, a decision which should only be made by the patient, their family, and their doctors."

That same day, IORC expressed concern as it retweeted a count of the votes for the passage of "anti-trans youth treatment bill."



ta IORC Retweeted



The Arbiter @arbiteronline · Mar 10

After the House State Affairs Committee passed #HB675, The Arbiter put a call out for unheard testimony from <u>local trans youth</u> and other community members. These are their stories. #idleg #idpol



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Live Journal: <u>Trans youth and community members share</u> unheard test... On Friday, March 4, the Idaho House State Affairs Committee passed HB 675, which would prohibit gender-affirming healthcare for trans ...

IORC Leadership

The fact that IORC publicly called for opposition to a Bill that would prevent doctors from perform life-altering sexual mutilation of children isn't all that surprising, considering the personal activities of members of its staff and board of directors.

For instance, the <u>Membership and Communications Coordinator</u>, Megan Carter, is identified on the IORC website as an "LGBTQ activist."



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MEGAN CARTER, MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR (SHE/HER & THEY/THEM)

Megan Carter is a local LGBTO activist, organizer, education advocate, parent, and student. In addition to their work at IORC, they help lead a human rights advocacy non-profit and recently founded an organization that works at the intersections of movement, healing, and community. Megan studied for a degree in liberal arts at College of Western Idaho and a Bachelor's of Communication at Boise State University. They are committed to liberatory social justice practices that center marginalized communities and strives to use frameworks that are accessible for everyone. Megan lives in Meridian, Idaho and loves to go on adventures with their animal-loving kiddo.

In <u>Feb. 2020</u>, Carter cheered on a "<u>non-discrimination</u>" <u>ordinance</u> that forces employers to employ homosexuals and "gender non-conforming" people (read, men wearing dresses), forces renters to rent their houses and apartments to transgender and homosexual couples, and forces all places which accept any sort of public funds (libraries, public buildings, schools, day cares, public bathrooms, etc) to admit transgender and homosexual couples. According to an article by KTVB News channel 7:

Megan Carter, vice-chair of the Add the Words Idaho, said she's thrilled to see Ada County get on board and implement its own policy. She hopes by counties and cities in Idaho continuing to take action, it will spur the Idaho Legislature to act. "We need to have it uniform across the state, we really do," she said. "If you live in one area, work in another you're not protected [if you're traveling]. We need state-based protections for everyone."

<u>In March of 2020</u>, Carter slammed two bills, one which would prevent biological males from playing in female sports and another which would block people from changing their gender on their birth certificates. An article from Vice.com with the headline, "Idaho Governor Signs 2 Bills into Law Denying Trans People Basic Rights," says the following:

On Monday, Republican Gov. Brad Little approved two bills that had been met with widespread opposition. House Bill 500 <u>bans transgender girls from playing on school sports teams</u> in alignment with their gender identity, while House Bill 509 <u>blocks trans people from correcting their birth certificates</u> to match the person they know themselves to be.

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Megan Carter, vice chair of the local LGBTQ group Add the Words, said the passage of these bills is especially dangerous because trans people already don't have statewide protections in areas like health care or any other form of public accommodation.

"For instance, if a trans person were to get sick with COVID-19 and go to a health care provider, they could be turned away and denied service," Carter told VICE. "There is a lot of fear already in our community and then you add this extra layer of this pandemic. It really just shows trans folks in Idaho that we're not welcome here. We are not seen as human."

On facebook, going by the name "Megan Greco," (on linkedin, she is identified as "Megan 'Greco' Carter) Carter is even more explicit in the promotion of homosexual and transgender ideologies.

On <u>February 15, 2020</u>, Carter issued the same call to "protect trans youth" that IORC would do in 2022.



On June 29, 2020, Carter advertised an "LGBTQIA+ Connection Session."



On June 22, 2020, Carter fought against what she called "anti-trans" bills in the legislature.



On June 1, 2020, Carter posted in favor of homosexual and transgender "pride."





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Chris Mosier

June 1, 2020 · 3

#PRIDE2020 is about liberation, justice, and community - the very things this movement was founded on 51 years ago. Please: let's use our momentum, platforms, and resources to uplift Black voices in this critical moment. THE TIME IS NOW.

In <u>March of 2020</u>, Carter called for a veto of HB 500 (<u>which would prohibit</u> males from playing on female sports teams, and vice versa) in order to "protect trans youth."



In February of 2020, Carter publicly opposed the defunding of Planned Parenthood.



In addition to Megan Carter, the current treasurer and former chair of IORC's board of directors, Linda Leeuwrik, is also supportive of abortion and LGBTQ ideologies.





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The IORC Board of Directors consists of four Officers, two At-Large members, and two Representatives for each local chapter. Officers and At-Large members are elected at the IORC annual meeting in the fall. Local chapter representatives are appointed by the local chapter members. The IORC Board is the governing body of IORC, deciding on the strategic direction of the organization, approving IORC's annual budget, and oversees staff.

OFFICERS

STEPHANIE RAEL, CHAIR

CHRISTINA STUCKER-GASSI, VICE CHAIR

LINDA LEEUWRIK, TREASURER



CARRIE SEYMOUR, SECRETARY

In <u>July of 2015</u>, Leeuwrik placed the "I Stand With Planned Parenthood" overlay on her profile picture.



In <u>June of 2015</u>, she placed the rainbow flag overlay on her profile picture in celebration of the SCOTUS decision to legalize homosexual "marriage."



Membership in Pro-Abortion, Pro-LGBTQ+ Organization

The CCHD absolutely forbids organizations from membership in organizations acting against Catholic teaching. In an <u>FAQ on the USCCB website</u>, the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer, the CCHD firmly stated, "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching."

What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

Given this prohibition, the IORC has violated grant guidelines through its membership in two such coalitions; the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence (ICASDV) and the HEAL Food Alliance.

Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (ICASDV)

IORC is listed as a member of ICASDV on its members page.



As a member of ICASDV, IORC has to pay annual membership dues of \$250, and would have had to sign onto the "Vision and Values" of the coalition. On the <u>first page of the membership</u> application form, it indicates a payment of \$250.



The second page contains the Vision and Values to which member organizations must agree. This statement includes the following line:

"We talk about gender violence to look closely at how strict gender roles and unfair power lead to violence against women, girls, and all genders which are oppressed. **Our society promotes two rigid gender identities**, man (masculine) and woman (feminine) **and expects all of us to fit the role we are assigned.**"

Furthermore, the commitment to members (included in the same vision and values statement) includes this line:

"Centering solutions on the last girl. Idaho has "last girls" in every community. The last girl is not a specific girl, but a concept that represents marginalized communities who have the least access to resources and the least opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential, such as racial

or ethnic minorities, **LGBTQ** self identified people, people with disabilities, people who are undocumented, or people who are refugees."

In other words, the Vision and Values of the organization is opposed to the strict definition of there only being two gender identities (and proper roles for each), but it also calls for the support of "LGBTQ identified people," which means that IORC would have to have agreed t0o do the same. This context makes IORC's public promotion of transgender ideologies mentioned at the beginning of the report, make sense.

But the vision and values statement isn't the only issue with ICASDV.

In 2013, ICASDV produced this pro-abortion curriculum filled with promotional referrals to both abortion and abortifacient contraception, falsely claiming that such contraceptives are NOT abortifacients. The curriculum is titled, "Expanding Options, Creating Choices."

Expanding Options, Creating Choices

Navigating reproductive health issues in the context of abuse

Curriculum Presenters Guide





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www.engagingvoices.org

Beginning on page 19 of the guide is a procedure for presenting and making referrals for

Abortion Referrals

Terminating a pregnancy (abortion) as a result of coerced conception is yet another option for a survivor and will most likely be one of the most difficult decisions an individual can make. Depending on the method, abortion can be a very invasive procedure and has many negative effects on the body. Most people, regardless of their



situation have strong, often controversial, opinions about abortion. The following guidelines will help you and the survivor discuss this option.

· Connect with health care providers

Abortion is not available everywhere. Make sure you and your agency are aware of providers in your area. If you or your agency makes referrals for abortions, make connections with these providers so you are aware of the procedures involved. Making a survivor aware of what to expect is very important before making such referrals.

Don't assume!

If a survivor does become pregnant as a result of reproductive coercion, don't assume which decision will be right for her. Again, most people have strong opinions about abortion and it is important to support whichever decision the survivor makes.

You or the survivor can visit <u>www.womenshealth.gov</u> for more information about abortion and the risks associated with this option.

Pages 16-21 provide all sorts of materials on every form of contraception, including abortifacients. Most egregiously, on page 18, the guide specifically claims that taking emergency contraception is NOT an abortion.

Emergency Contraceptive Pills

Emergency contraceptive pills (ECP's) can be an effective method of reducing the risk of pregnancy if the survivor's other birth control methods have either failed or they were denied access to them. The following information will help you and the survivor discuss this option:



Plan B[®], Next Choice[®]

These are the two most common ECP's available. Both are just as effective at reducing the risk of pregnancy after sexual contact. ECP's contain the same hormones found in typical birth control pills, but in higher doses. These higher doses prevent a female egg from leaving the ovary and keep sperm from joining the egg.

NOT abortion

ECP's are not abortion pills and will not terminate an existing pregnancy. This is very important for survivors who think they may already be pregnant from consensual means, but want to take steps to ensure that the assault will not result in pregnancy.

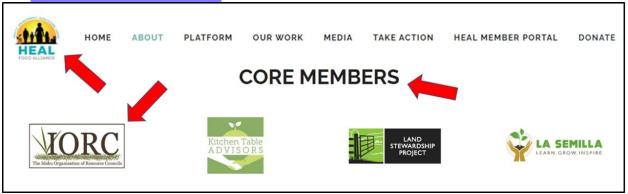
ICASDV has a newsletter called "Towards Thriving." In at least three issues of the newsletter from 2022 are multiple instances of the promotion of abortion.

- On <u>July 14, 2022</u>, Towards Thriving published a lead article titled, "Guidance for Supporting Survivors Post-Dobbs: How Abortion Bans Harm Survivors + How to Help Idahoans
- In the <u>September 8, 2022</u> issue of Towards Thriving, a brief article titled, "A History of Indigenous People & Reproductive Justice," complains that "decades-old restrictions on federal funding have severely limited the provision of abortion" before providing a link to a podcast with the title, ""Roe Was Never Enough".
- In the May 2022 issue of Towards Thriving is an article titled "Everyone loves someone who had an abortion," which makes the audacious claim, that "we know that abortion bans are a threat to Idahoans."

HEAL Food Alliance

In addition to its membership in ICASDV, IORC is also member of HEAL food Alliance.

The HEAL Food Alliance website identifies IORC as a "Core Member."



On its membership page, the <u>HEAL Food Alliance indicates</u> that member organizations pay annual dues, though it is unclear how much those dues are.

Member Responsibilities

ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- o Endorse the HEAL Platform
- Actively participate in or contribute to HEAL work
- Participate in at least 50% of HEAL Member meetings and attend the annual HEAL Summit
- Acknowledge and respect the contributions of other HEAL members
- Respect HEAL's values, protocols, and principles, including constructive feedback to improve HEAL
- Pay annual membership dues or discuss alternatives

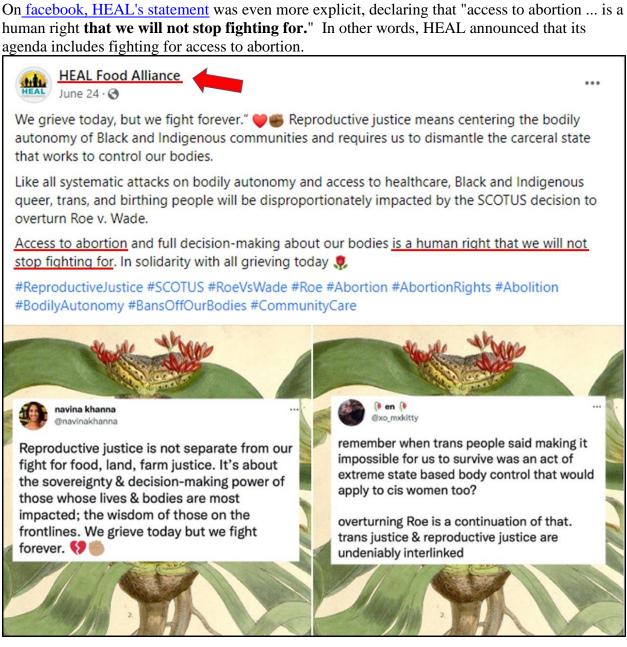
On <u>July 5, 2022</u>, HEAL Food Alliance publicly condemned the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, claiming that the decision "undermined the sovereignty, power, and bodily autonomy of people with uteri," and "access to safe medical care, including safe abortion care, is an essential part of a thriving future for all of us." It then added a bullet point indicating where people can obtain help in paying for an abortion:

• If you need help paying for an abortion, or have the means to contribute to support others who need financial help, tap in to the <u>National Network of Abortion Funds</u>.

On <u>June 24</u>, the day of the SCOTUS decision, HEAL retweeted a statement from HEAL's cofounder and executive director, Navina Khanna, claiming that the fight for abortion is linked to their fight for "food, land, farm justice."



human right that we will not stop fighting for." In other words, HEAL announced that its agenda includes fighting for access to abortion.



Conclusion

Idaho Organization of Resource Councils is directly involved in the promotion of LGBTQ ideologies, both in its employees and in its actions. Its direct call for opposition to legislation that bans the sexual mutilation of children is particularly heinous. Additionally, it's membership in both ICASDV and the HEAL Food Alliance not only violate CCHD grant guidelines on coalition memberships, but they signal IORC's commitment to the promotion of ideologies and actions that offend Catholic moral and social teaching.