



November 14, 2023

The Honorable Spencer J. Cox  
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Dear Governor Cox,

I am writing to inform you about the shocking misconduct taking place at the University of Utah's Gender Management and Support Clinic. Based on records we obtained through the Utah Government Records Access and Management Act, §63-2-101 et seq., the evidence is that the University of Utah Health: Gender Management and Support Clinic is performing chemical castration, genital mutilation, and other unconscionable acts of child abuse.

Among other things:

- The Clinic's "consent forms" confirm that the "gender-affirming" treatments it purports to offer pose grave risks to children. For example, the Clinic recommends the use of estrogen as one of its "feminizing therapy options" for boys. Yet, the Clinic admits that boys using estrogen can experience "some permanent changes to the body," including "high blood pressure, blood clots, heart disease, diabetes, liver and kidney disease, non-cancerous tumors of the pituitary gland, gall stones, breast cancer, headaches and migraines, and loss of fertility."
- The Clinic's consent form requires the minor boy – who under Utah law does not even have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract – to acknowledge that blood clots alone, just one risk of taking estrogen, may cause chronic problems with veins in the legs, heart attacks, irreversible chest growth, pulmonary embolisms "which may cause permanent lung damage or death," and strokes "which may cause permanent brain damage or death." It also requires him to acknowledge potentially "permanent" sexual side effects, including infertility, that may result from taking estrogen.
- The Clinic acknowledges that the "[u]se of estrogen for gender-affirming hormone therapy is not FDA approved [and] there may be long-term risks that are currently unknown."

- The Clinic’s consent forms also list the irreversible outcomes of “masculinizing therapy options” that biological female children taking testosterone may experience, including irreversible “scalp hair loss, deepened voice, facial and body hair growth, and clitoral enlargement.” Children are expected to have the capacity to consent to the use of testosterone for “gender-affirming hormone therapy” even though the treatment is “not FDA-approved.”
- Children are given puberty blockers in the form of GnRH agonists, despite the Clinic conceding that it lacks long-term studies related to their use in adolescents and has “no data on how the temporary absence of sex hormones might affect brain development.” There are no do-overs for puberty. Children who remain on puberty blockers (and who are then transitioned to cross-sex hormones) will face permanent sexual dysfunction and disfigurement and will never be able to physically mature.
- Incredibly, the Clinic only requires a “letter of support from a mental health professional” to begin drugging a child.

Perversely, the University of Utah requires young children to consider and consent to “treatments” that can cause infertility and death – concepts that children do not have the capacity to understand – while falsely claiming that “treatments” such as puberty blockers are “fully reversible [sic].” It is using experimental drugs and conducting mutilating surgeries on children in an attempt to make a boy look like a girl or a girl look like a boy, all in the name of “gender-affirming care.” This Orwellian label disguises an abject horror – the intentional destruction of a child’s mind, spirit, and body based on the sick lie that he or she is a prisoner, trapped in the body of the opposite sex.

Therefore, we ask that you urgently act, using all lawful remedies at your disposal, to shut down the Clinic and discontinue all further gender conversions and child mutilation by the University of Utah in the name of so-called “gender-affirming care.” We further ask that you protect boys and girls from these unconscionable experiments by strengthening Utah Code § 58-1-603 to prohibit *all* hormonal transgender treatments on children. Finally, we ask that you support efforts to revoke the licenses and medical credentials of healthcare providers who continue experimenting on them.

The citizens of Utah should be able to trust that their healthcare providers – especially those employed by the taxpayer-subsidized University of Utah – are healing children, not sterilizing, mutilating, and handicapping them. Please do not hesitate to reach out with further questions.

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Most sincerely,

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