

ABQ abortion doctor takes on late-term abortions in wake of Dr. Tiller's murder

By [Gwyneth Doland](#) | 02.22.10 | 8:44 pm

Less than a year after the murder of Wichita abortion doctor [George Tiller](#), an Albuquerque doctor has decided to accept patients for [late-term abortions](#).

Dr. Susan Robinson and Dr. Shelley Sella, both of whom worked with Dr. Tiller, have joined the staff of Dr. Curtis Boyd, a downtown Albuquerque physician.

Robinson and Sella do not live in New Mexico, but alternate weeks working here, according to Joan Lamunyon Sanford of the [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice](#). Sanford's group provides chaplaincy services to patients of Dr. Boyd.

Dr. Tiller's [practice was closed in June](#) after he was shot and killed in the foyer of his church by [Scott Roeder](#), an anti-abortion activist.

"Boyd is taking on a huge risk," Sanford said, but "he knows what the risks are. ...He has a lot of support and he 's not entered into this lightly."

"I've done clinic defense against Operation Rescue and it's only a matter of time before they find us, before they find Dr. Boyd, but we're prepared," Sanford told The Independent.

[Operation Rescue](#) is an anti-abortion group that has been [accused of encouraging violence against Tiller](#). The group located its headquarters in Wichita specifically so that it could focus its opposition on him, targeting the doctor, his employees and their families at their homes and churches.

Scott Roeder, who was [convicted on Jan. 29](#) of murdering Dr. Tiller, [posted several times to an Operation Rescue blog](#) before the killing.

"We have a strong coalition of choice, a diverse community and we have a lot of great people," Sanford said. "I'm sure that the volunteers we have now and the people who read this who are moved to volunteer, who want to open their homes to patients, escort patients, do clinic defense or donate money for a bus ticket or plane ticket... will step up."

A call to Dr. Boyd's office asking for an interview has not been returned.

Categories & Tags: [Health Care](#) | [Reproductive health](#) | [abortion](#) | [Curtis Boyd](#) | [George Tiller](#) | [Joan Lamunyon Sanford](#) | [late term abortion](#) | [New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice](#) | [Operation Rescue](#) | [Scott Roeder](#) |