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Local physician to serve on national advisory board

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Six Rivers Planned Parenthood recently announced that local doctor Scott Sattler has been elected to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America Clergy Advisory Board.

The PPFA Clergy Advisory Board is a national advisory group that seeks to educate the public about the historic and widespread support within the religious community for Planned Parenthood, family planning and the pro-choice position.

Members speak in communities and government chambers throughout the U.S. in support of reproductive freedom, and identify and encourage pro-choice clergy and people of faith to speak out.

Sattler has been a committed advocate for Six Rivers Planned Parenthood for 35 years. He has been an outspoken proponent of the mission of the organization, a dedicated physician, a donor and, for the past five years, an active member of the Clergy for Choice group.

As a teacher in the tradition of Universal Sufism for the past 15 years, Sattler brings a unique spiritual perspective to Clergy for Choice. He also regularly teaches courses on Universal Sufism for the Religious Studies Department at Humboldt State University as well as in Europe.

Clergy for Choice is a group of local religious leaders who value all human life. They accept that religions differ about when life begins and are here to help anyone talk through the spiritual aspect of choosing whether or not to become a parent. Clergy for Choice members meet at Six Rivers Planned Parenthood and are available as a resource for patients.

Six Rivers Planned Parenthood is a local nonprofit organization that provides a full range of low-cost reproductive health care services for more than 9,000 women, men and teens each year.

The group is also committed to providing medically accurate, comprehensive sexuality education to students and adults on the North Coast.

For more information, call Six Rivers Planned Parenthood at 442-2961, visit www.srpp.org or check out the Six Rivers Planned Parenthood page on Facebook.

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