

Planned Parenthood moves into new Dubuque location

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DUBUQUE (KWWL) - Planned Parenthood of the Heartland is now in its new and upgraded Dubuque location.

On Wednesday, demonstrators stood outside the newly-renovated building at 3365 Hillcrest Road. They were protesting abortions, which Planned Parenthood of the Heartland CEO Jill June said makes up just two percent of the organization's services.

June said the new location offers patients more privacy. At the old location on Central Avenue in Dubuque, patients had to walk through the protestors to enter the facility.

Bill Frye has been protesting Dubuque's Planned Parenthood location for several years now and was at the new location Wednesday.

"They want to make sure their clients can come right in without, you know, our people handing them some literature or, you know, encouraging them that there's other places and other alternatives," Frye said.

In a phone interview Wednesday from Des Moines, June said the new location sets the protestors far back from the main entrance.

"They will have very, very little effect on our services and our patients because of the way in which the new facility is designed and operated," she said.

The former Dubuque location on Central is permanently closed.

June said the new location has the ability to provide telemedicine, which can include abortion services if a patient requests the service.



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