

NO ONE SHOULD WORRY ABOUT HEALTHCARE!

No one should worry about healthcare; this includes hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, mental health workers, county health departments, nurses and doctors, emergency medical personnel, and county boards who try to balance an ambulance budget.

Over the last thirty years, and particularly the last seven, I have watched as the health care system of the state of Illinois has drastically deteriorated. This is not due to a lack of experience staff, but of continual government interference with rules and regulations that cause vast amounts of paper work unrelated to the proper care of patients. This, coupled with nonsense lawsuits, has led to the decline in the standard of healthcare in Illinois.

I recently attended a meeting with seven Health Care administrators and C.E.O.'s from nursing homes, hospitals, home health services and a local health department. During the meeting, I had the opportunity to ask the following questions:

- 1) *Approximately how much of the paper work that you do actually benefits the quality of healthcare given to a patient, and how much of it is nonsense that you have to do in order to jump through the hoops of Government rules and regulations in order to get paid?*

Response: In unison, the top health care professionals all replied 80% nonsense.

- 2) *Approximately what is the ratio of nurses versus "paper pushers"?*

Response: The answer was 3:1. . . that's three people doing paper work to one nurse that actually takes care of the patient. A nurse, however, also does an enormous amount of paper work to document and then re-document her work.

- 3) *How much does malpractice insurance dictate the cost of medical care?*

Response: A LOT! Most of the time, nurses, doctors and hospitals settle malpractice suits, whether guilty or not, because it is easier and less time-consuming. If one does go through the legal process, additional staff must be hired during case preparation and actual court time due to the inability to do both, go to court and work.

I invite you, the voter, to check the records on any issue concerning healthcare. Having many family members and friends who are healthcare providers such as doctors, nurses, EMS workers and health department members, I have a vested interest and deep understanding of the situation. I have worked continually to advance any and all healthcare services in our community, whether working on a board at the local hospital and home healthcare center; reviewing cost and expenditures for the county nursing home; working with the county board on ambulance issues; or just volunteering time with any of the various healthcare services. Although I have been awarded for my work over the years, that is not what motivates my interest. Healthcare is a disaster and should be reworked. I am the person, with the knowledge and fortitude to persevere until it is straightened out.

As your Lieutenant Governor I am not making an empty promise! I have a comprehensive plan to rework the healthcare system to the advantage of the patient, the institution providing care, and the healthcare worker. No one should worry about healthcare and how to pay for it?

My name is Randy White and I want to be your next Lt. Governor. Thank you for your time, please pass this on to your family and friends. If those who are committed to this issue work together we will win.