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Subject: FW: SARAH GRANT

Danny,

Not sure what to do with this one. We can't really do anything to help them. I'm not sure if they are looking for medical or legal assistance or both. Please let me know what your thoughts are.

*Best Regards,
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From: Chicago Bob [mailto:rahesshess@netscape.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Lt. Governor's Office
Subject: SARAH GRANT

I am the father of Sarah Grant a patient who after undergoing a gastric sleeve procedure performed by Dr. Morris Washington in 2011 at Conway Hospital, has experienced complications as a result of the surgery. She has had severe and chronic stomach pain, nausea, and diarrhea and has been passed from one health care specialist to another for the past 6 years. During the course of being shuffled from one doctor to another, almost every imaginable test has been conducted on Ms. Grant including MRI 's, Cat scans, upper GI , Lower GI , a colonoscopy, and numerous blood tests, X-rays and the list goes on and on. The list of different doctors also continues to grow with none of these doctors seemingly willing to make a call as to what the problem is. To add to her problems she is the mother of 4 wonderful children and has been unable to work which on top of everything else, has made her situation even more stressful. Attempts have been made for her to receive disability pay but it has turned out to be yet another stone wall that she has encountered.

It would take the assistance of many more people than myself to compile all of the test results and suggested possible treatments to deal with a solution to Ms. Grants medical condition. We have been all the way through and up to MUSC trying to get a doctor to determine exactly what the problem is. The internal medicine people say she needs to see a surgical doctor. The surgeons say she needs to be dealt with by an internal medicine doctor who suggests she be seen by emergency room people who suggest she needs to be seen by yet another doctor, etc. etc. This seemingly endless procession of medical professionals all want to pass her along to someone other than themselves. As a concerned parent my question is where and when does this passing

of the responsibility between the so called medical experts end?

What we, her family and loved ones have seen happening over this period of time, is a young lady who's life is slowly slipping away. As we travel further and further down this path of "passing the buck" she slips further and further to the point of no return. What we seem to be most in need of is someone who is going to be willing to step up as an advocate for this young lady and demand that one of these medical professionals come to plan of action that is going to do more then put a band aide on the immediate and obvious problem that sits before them and come to some comprehensive plan of action that will deal with the problem once and for all.

It was suggested by the staff who saw her at MUSC that a feeding tube, at a minimum, would be necessary to see that she is able to receive at least the minimum proteins and calories to sustain life. We have watched her go from 240 pounds down to 105 pounds and as her family we are truly concerned that if the present situation is not addressed that she will be added to the list of 2 of the 4 young women who after having the same procedure performed by Dr. Washington have passed away. We do not want to see this once vital young lady lose her battle for life as the others have.

So as her father, I am asking for your assistance in bringing this terrible situation we are faced with to some sort of solution. We, her family and loved ones, are desperate for the help and assistance of someone who is in a position that they could round up all of this information and bring to bear on the medical community the obviously urgent call for action on Ms. Grants behalf.

Sincerely,
Concerned Parent
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