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"If you give your hand to someone to help them; you never take it away, until they don't need it." Baani, Grady Dialysis Patient, ARxC member

After one year of negotiations, no resolution for 33 ARxC patients to receive ongoing care.

Atlanta, Georgia---Patients of the Grady Dialysis Clinic, which includes 33 ARxC members, have waited one year to know their fate of receiving life-sustaining, ongoing dialysis treatment. Today, ARxC, ARxC Legal Council along with Grady Hospital, Emory Health Care, Emory University and Hospital, DaVita Dialysis, and DeKalb County Board of Health, Fulton County Commissioner Darnell's Office, Fulton County Community Action Authority, Grady Hospital Legal Council and Oakhurst Medical Centers met with DeKalb Commissioner Larry Johnson for a final attempt to establish a 'home of care' for the Grady Dialysis Clinic patients. Fresenius Dialysis was absent from today's meeting.

Fresenius has been under contract and receiving payment from Grady Hospital to provide dialysis treatment for their clinic patients. The contract ends August 31, 2010. A most supportive Commissioner Johnson expressed disappointment over Fresenius' disappearance and the lack of tangible transfer of care for the Grady Dialysis patients. Today's meeting leaves these patients facing painful and fearful Emergency Room visits after August 31. A surprised Commissioner Johnson was told Grady Hospital is in contract discussions with Fresenius. Grady also stated that Fresenius physicians are responsible for the care of the Grady Dialysis patients.

Fresenius' absence and the merciless withholding of these new contracts negotiations leave the Grady Dialysis patients frantic for an answer as to where they will receive their treatments September 1, 2010. It has also created an unbearable impasse to a viable solution of life-supporting care for these dialysis patients so close to a deadline that will inevitably cost the patients their lives, the hospitals and taxpayers more money and Georgians the hope of being stewards of accessible and quality health care in the future.

ARxC attorney Lindsay Jones has arranged for ARxC to participate in a prayer service, Sunday, August 29, 2010, Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, 118 Second Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030, at 10 AM. A meeting of the patients and staff of ARxC will follow in Fellowship Hall at 11AM. Press and Media attending please contact Dorothy and Rev. Nibs Stroupe at 404-378-6284.



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