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From: Steve Rose
To: "Nelson, Colleen"
Subject: RE: Denning
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 3:49:48 PM

I see the gravity of all of this. Let's cancel my column.
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From: Nelson, Colleen [mailto:]
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2019 3:45 PM
To: Steve Rose
Cc: Donovan, Derek
Subject: Re: Denning

I have no idea whether you and Denning are on speaking terms all these months after that column. You and I haven't discussed the current state of your relationship with Denning.

But that's beside the point. Regardless of when you last spoke, the basic rules of journalism apply here. If he thought he was having a casual conversation with you that was not going to end up with him quoted in your column, we can't unilaterally decide to put this on the record. Not to mention the fact that this conversation happened long ago. Perhaps he's had a change of heart. Perhaps he views things a little differently. We don't actually know what he thinks today.

The column was misleading at best and gave readers (and me) the impression that Denning said this recently. The lede even says that he "finally confessed" this, certainly suggesting that this happened in the not-too-distant past.

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On Sat, Jan 26, 2019 at 3:34 PM Steve Rose <

> wrote:

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Hi Colleen,

I am truly sorry for a massive misunderstanding.

If I had thought you expected Denning to take my call and give me permission to run a column about him, I absolutely would have killed the column, because there was not even a remote chance he would have responded to me, directly or indirectly, except perhaps to tell me what I could do with myself. When you made known we needed to use his name, I responded to you immediately – I think within a minute or two – that if that was required to go ahead and use his name. I do recall that in-depth conversation with Denning.. I was particularly flabbergasted when he told me that he thought Medicaid patients do not turn up for appointments, which was a big reason he was against expansion. That is probably the only controversial thing I wrote. As you said, the other talking points were pretty classic.

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To: Steve Rose

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Hi Steve --

I'm troubled by a lot of what you're telling me right now. I had no idea that you were quoting a from a conversation that happened almost a year ago. That seems iffy at best, but if you wanted to resurface that conversation, you certainly needed to let Denning know that you planned to do so.

You originally wrote in the column that he had spoken candidly because he did not expect to have his name attached these comments. When I told you we needed this to be on the record, my expectation was that you were clearing this with Denning.

If that's not what happened, we have a problem.

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On Sat, Jan 26, 2019 at 3:10 PM Steve Rose

wrote:

Colleen, Derek,

I have been on the phone today (Sat) with one of Denning's staff. As you might guess, since my 4/13/18 column, Denning has not spoken to me and has let the world know he despises me.

<https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/steve-rose/article208876434.html>

The staffer wanted to know the exact date that we talked and demanded my notes. I told him we met at Houlihan's in Fairway for about an hour, discussing his objections to Medicaid expansion. I said that conversation occurred not long before I ran the 4/13/18 column. Denning claims it was years ago, which it was not. I would not know the exact date, because Denning and I met regularly before the falling-out. Very regularly. He also wanted to know where I got the \$14 million figure. That's a fair question, since it appears as if that is Denning's estimate. Actually, I thought it would be best to give the most recent update on estimated costs to Kansas for Medicaid expansion. Thus, I used the figure from the governor's budget from about a week ago.

KanCare Expansion: The Kelly budget includes \$14 million to expand critical health care coverage to 150,000 low-income Kansans. This will not only improve the health and vitality of the state, it will help keep Kansas hospitals open and strengthen our economy as a whole. One study by George Washington University found that expanding KanCare would create 3,500 – 4,000 new jobs over five years. Kelly will convene stakeholders to collect input and introduce legislation to accompany this budget priority by the end of January.

They are objecting, because that is not Denning's estimate.

I have asked what Denning's estimate is, so we can get that clarified. So far, they have refused.

If I can be of help in any other way, please let me know. I certainly will let you know if I hear more.

Thanks,
Steve

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